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President's Message

Dear Members:

This is my last message to you as President. My six years is up. It is time for new leadership and fresh ideas.

Over the 17 years since IOS was founded, birding has flourished in Illinois. It would not surprise me if 10,000 people are active birders in our state today given the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's estimate of 41 million active birders nationwide in 2001. Yet our membership has not kept pace. It has fluctuated in a band between 400 and 500 for some years now and is currently 472. Compare this to IBET's 1,500 members or the newcomer Illinois Birders Forum's 465 members.

The intervening years have seen the growth of the internet technologies that have given IBET and the IL Birders Forum their virtually cost-free platforms. The information sharing made possible by these networks has significantly enhanced our birding experience. They do, however, make us re-evaluate our model. If you can find out what is being seen and where through IBET and go on free field trips with your local bird club, why do you need to be a member of IOS?

The answer of course is the *Meadowlark,* our .field trips' rare bird focus and to support our scientific and educational mission. Unfortunately the membership revenues are not sufficient to support a strong scientific and educational part to our mission. The identification skills focus at events like the Gull Frolic are good, but we need to develop youth-focused programs to build the next generation of birders. If we are to continue building our scientific and educational programs, we must attract more resources whether that be membership revenues, sponsorships or more volunteers.

We have successfully adapted some of our programming to address the challenges of the internet age, but need to do more. For example, our field trips have attracted strong interest since we started to focus on difficult-to-find species, and our educational events, the Gull Frolic, the Spring Birding Weekend and the habitat-dependent Shorebird Spectacular have become excellent membership draws. Also in planning is an Illinois Young Birders Club.

We have adopted the internet to enhance our offerings and reduce our costs. Overtime our web site has become a better communications tool and we have additional improvements in the planning stage such as a Members Only section with premium content.

There is a lot to be proud of. Thanks must go to our energetic board and the many others who support our activities. Today we have more members active in running our programs than ever before and we continue to innovate to make our offerings more attractive. I am confident that this will continue and that our leadership is up to the task of maintaining and improving the excellence of our programs.

Good birding and Good Luck.

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Letter from the Editor

As I write this, my dear friend Michael Hogg is leaving as president – after serving six years, the maximum number of consecutive years allowed, according to IOS by-laws.

Michael and I have been with this organization since it was just an idea—we have worked together for more than 17 years, he, serving as treasurer, board member, and president, and I, trying to get the Meadowlark out four ties a year.

It hasn't been easy. He and I can attest to that. Some folks were impatient, others demanding, others accusatory. At times, I was impatient, too, wanting to get things done more quickly than what was happening.

Over the years, I've learned patience is a virtue, true friendship is a blessing, and an organization like IOS is worth every minute spent on keeping it alive..

Here's what we have accomplished in 17 years – completed and mailed nearly 68 different issues of Meadowlark and Wings Over The Prairie, created a Web site, improved the Web site, helped organize and took ownership of the Gull Frolic, hosted 16 annual or spring weekend meetings, hosted shorebird spectaculars that truly were spectacular, fine-tuned our field trips to offer something new and different from other field trips offered by the many fine local birding clubs, given thousands of dollars to researchers working on projects to help avian species thrive in Illinois (last year, with help from individuals and the DuPage Birding Club, we gave FIVE $500 scholarships.) And now we are looking toward the future with more ideas, that will take, time, patience, and yes, perhaps even a little misunderstandings until everything gets smoothed over.

I've also learned how much work goes on behind the scenes – mailing, licking envelopes, sorting envelopes with zip codes (a tortuous job), proofing ads, creating ads, getting the annual meeting lined up (all those calls to get a good price, get raffle prizes lined up.)

Here's my message to you all – if you are an active member of IOS, thank you so very much: Please continue your support. If you have lots of ideas (or complaints), but have never greeted folks at the Gull Frolic, placed a stamp on an envelope, written a short story for Meadowlark, called for quotes on a project, we've got a brand new president, Jenny Vogt, eager for your help. Through IOS and other birding clubs, Jenny has become a good friend and has shown me what a hard-working, intelligent, creative woman she is. We are lucky to have Michael, Jenny, and so many others willing to roll up their sleeves for the good of IOS. Won't you join us?

See you in the field.

Sheryl DeVore

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Carlyle Lake Gulls:
a season of rarities with notes on how and when to locate them

By Dan Kassebaum

The fall of 2007 through late winter 2008 produced an exciting season of rare gulls at Carlyle Lake. Although Carlyle Lake occupies parts of three counties, Bond, Clinton, and Fayette, the dam and the deep water are in Clinton County, as are most of the gulls. A lake record high of 13 species was observed for the fall/winter season including: Laughing Gull (*Leucophaeus atricilla*), Franklin's Gull (*Leucophaeus pipixcan*), Little Gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*), Bonaparte's Gull (*Chroicocephalus philadelphia*), Mew Gull (*Larus canus brachyrhynchus*), Ring-billed Gull (*Larus delawarensis*), Herring Gull (*Larus argentatus snuthsonianus*), Thayer's Gull (*Larus thayeri*), Iceland Gull (*Larus glaucoides kumlieni*), Lesser Black-backed Gull (*Larus fuscus graellsii*), Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*), Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus glaucescens*), and Sabine's Gull (*Xema sabini*). With the addition of Glaucous-winged Gull and Slaty-backed Gull the season of 2007/2008, the lake list now stands at 17 species.

Identification tips and data

When attempting to identify gulls at Carlyle Lake, it is helpful to break them into groups. The larger species behave differently than the smaller species, and locating the larger gulls versus the smaller gulls requires a different strategy. The larger gulls reach their greatest diversity during the coldest weather and prefer to roost in mixed flocks on the ice. These flocks can reach numbers in the thousands. The larger gulls include: Mew Gull, Ring-billed Gull, California Gull *(Larus californicus*), Herring Gull, Thayer's Gull, Iceland Gull, Lesser Black-backed Gull, Slaty-backed Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull, Glaucous Gull (*Larus hyperboreus*), and Great Black-backed Gull (Larus marinus). The smaller species are more likely to occur as migrants, especially in fall, and avoid the coldest weather. September, October, and November are the best months for these species, which are generally identified on the wing, through a scope, and often at great distances. The smaller species include: Laughing Gull, Franklin's Gull, Little Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Sabine's Gull, and Black-legged Kittiwake (*Rissa tridactyla*).

Carlyle Lake was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1967, but gull data for the lake prior to 1982 are minimal to absent. Sadly, the first 25 years of the lake went nearly undocumented. Beginning with the fall and winter of 1982-83, Carlyle Lake has become a regular destination for birders looking for rare gulls in Illinois. Pioneers from the 1980s as indicated by the published data in Nature Notes – Journal of the Webster Groves Nature Study Society and Illinois Birds and Birding include Dave Jones, Bill Rudden, and Skip Russell of St. Louis; Leroy Harrison of Olney; and Denny Jones of Lawrenceville. Gull data at Carlyle were consistently diverse throughout the 1980s and include most of the first published species records for the lake: Great Black-backed Gull (November 1982 – Dave Jones), Glaucous Gull (December 82 – Rudden), Black-legged Kittiwake (December 83 – Rudden), Lesser Black-backed Gull (December 83 – Russell), Thayer's Gull (March 84 – Harrison and Jones), Little Gull (April 84 – Russell), Laughing Gull (Nov 85 – Rudden), Mew Gull (Feb 86 – Rudden), Sabine's Gull (September 86 – Harrison), and California Gull (October 89 – Rudden).

A shift occurred in the early 1990s with little published data for the lake coming from the initial observers who were so active in the 1980s. Instead, most of the more recent data can be attributed to Dan Kassebaum of Belleville, Keith McMullen of O'Fallon, and Mark Seiffert of Carlyle. Throughout the 1990s and currently, the reputation for Carlyle Lake as a major migrant trap has grown, and as a result has renewed in part an interest from some of the old guard. On any given fall/winter weekend at Carlyle, you're likely to cross paths will Bill Rudden or Leroy Harrison, and if you are a keen observer, you'll pay as much attention to the birders as to the birds. Remember these are the guys (Rudden and Harrison) who established nearly all of the new paradigms for gulls in the St. Louis area and southern Illinois. Take a peek through Rudden's vintage scope, then bust out your Peterson – 4th edition (1980) and see if you are up to the task.

Gull diversity through a given fall and winter season, which I define as the southern movement of birds from northern breeding grounds into Illinois and the return trip in late winter, has been recorded at Carlyle

Lake since the fall of 1982 through the present, 2008. (See Tables 1, 2 and 3.) This migratory pattern is basically true for all Illinois gull species aside from Laughing Gull, which nests along the coast to our east and south and tends to wander into Illinois throughout the late spring and hottest parts of the summer. Placing data for Laughing Gull into the correct season, as defined by this report, can be a bit arbitrary, but since its occurrence has been nearly annual at Carlyle since 1985, a data point for all but two of the seasons can be established. I've selected this method to determine per annum gull species at Carlyle because it relies on a single season of winter weather as the limiting factor, instead of a combination of two separate winters at the beginning and end of a calendar year.

The severity of the winter weather and especially the occurrence of ice greatly influence the diversity of the larger species of gulls. An ice shelf of some permanence will attract large numbers of gulls, and with the larger numbers comes greater diversity. In seasons with warmer weather, ice is at a minimum. The lack of ice poses two problems: Gulls are less concentrated at their roosts and harder to observe. The gulls have a much larger area over the lake in which to forage, resulting in fewer birds within an identifiable range. In seasons with colder weather, ice is the norm. If the lake completely freezes, nearly all the gulls will abandon and move either down river to the power plant at Baldwin or west to the locks and dams along the Mississippi River. The best combination for large numbers of gulls and greater diversity is to have the lake mostly frozen while retaining some pockets of open water in which the gulls can feed.

Open water will likely hold large numbers of wintering waterfowl, especially divers such as Common Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*) and Common Merganser (*Mergus merganser*). The large gulls are very opportunistic and swarm over the divers in an attempt to rob them of their fish as they pop to the surface. When looking for large gulls, I seek out rafts of goldeneye and mergansers. The ducks, unless flushed by a passing boat, will remain with the school of fish on which they are feeding for hours at a time. This will also be true for the gulls. A raft of several hundred ducks will often attract a like number of gulls. Scoping patiently through the gulls can be quite rewarding. By this method I discovered a California Gull on 9 January 2000, another California Gull on 3 December 2005, and a Slaty-backed Gull on 16 December 2007. This method also works as a filter, because Ring-billed Gulls, which may represent up to 95 percent of the gulls present at the lake throughout the winter, are less likely to feed in this manner, and thus concentrates the Herring Gulls. In winter, it is with Herring Gulls that the rarer species are likely occurring, and any concentration or increase in Herring Gulls will promote the likelihood of finding a rarity.

The distribution of gulls throughout the state is dependent on large bodies of water. In terms of basics, gulls need food and a place to loaf and roost. Any large body of water that can supply large amounts of food with sufficient loafing and roost areas will attract large numbers of gulls. In terms of gull finding, access and proximity are essential. Carlyle Lake excels in this manner, as few areas around the lake cannot be accessed, and the most vital areas, the beach and the dam, provide excellent access. Of the 17 species of gull recorded at the lake, each has been observed either on the beach, from atop the dam, or in the spillway where they feed. Another factor which makes Carlyle Lake an ideal place to look for gulls is that the main basin of the lake can be seen in its entirety from nearly any vantage point. Aside from the dam, the three best places to scope the lake are from Saddledam No. 2, Point 18 within South Shore State Park, and from the pavilion at the south end of Eldon Hazlet State Park. For these reasons, gulls which may be considered rare for other parts of the state can be found regularly, if not annually, at Carlyle. This is especially true for Sabine's Gull, which is almost a sure bet in September.

Gull numbers at Carlyle Lake peak three times a year: late fall, dominated by Ring-billed Gulls and Bonaparte's Gulls; late-winter, dominated by Ring-billed Gulls and Herring Gulls; and mid-spring, dominated by Ring-billed Gulls and Bonaparte's Gulls. Ring-billed Gull at seasonal peaks can exceed daily totals of 30,000 to 50,000 birds. During peak periods, Bonaparte's Gulls can exceed 5,000 to 8,000 birds in the fall (late October through early December), and 1,500 to 3,000 in the spring (late March through mid-April). Smaller numbers of Herring Gull are present at the lake fall through spring, but only reach significant concentrations of several hundred birds during periods of ice. Franklin's Gull may produce daily counts of several hundred birds briefly in October, but the other species of gull recorded at the lake occur in very low numbers and can be considered rare.

Glaucous-winged Gull at West Access Beach, Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 8 September 2007. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

The gulls of 2007/2008

Of the nine regularly occurring (above the mean) gull species at Carlyle Lake, only Glaucous Gull was missed for the 2007-08 season; however, its occurrence was expected given that the lake was mostly frozen much of the winter. Five unexpected species made gull watching very enjoyable this season: Glaucous-winged Gull (Sep 8 – Apr 12); Little Gull (Nov 22-27); Slaty-backed Gull (Dec 16-18); Iceland Gull (Dec 23 – Jan 21); and Mew Gull (Feb 23-24).

The weekend of the Glaucous-winged Gull (8-9 September) was

Table 1.

Gull rank and diversity at Carlyle Lake – 1982-2008

Annual

Ring-billed Gull (abundant – fall through spring, a few persist through summer)
Bonaparte's Gull (common – spring and fall, rare - winter)
Herring Gull (fairly common – fall into spring, common some winters)
Franklin's Gull (fairly common – fall, rare – spring)

Rare but regular – observed most years in small numbers

Laughing Gull (rare - spring through fall, mostly summer)
Lesser Black-backed Gull (rare but increasing - fall through spring)
Sabine's Gull (rare - fall, nearly annual)
Thayer's Gull (rare – late fall through winter)
Glaucous Gull (rare – winter, strongly associated with ice)

Rare and irregular – absent most years

Black-legged Kittiwake (rare – fall and winter)
Little Gull (rare – fall, very rare - spring)
Great Black-backed Gull (rare – winter, strongly associated with ice)
Iceland Gull (rare – winter, strongly associated with ice)
California Gull (rare - fall and winter)
Mew Gull (rare - winter)

Very rare

Glaucous-winged Gull (very rare – winter, one record)
Slaty-backed Gull (very rare – winter, one record)

Table 2.

Total gull species by rank per fall/winter at Carlyle Lake – 1982-2008

13 species – 2007-08
11 species – 1986-87, 1996-97, 1999-2000, 2000-01, 2004-05
10 species – 1985-86, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995, 96, 2006-07
9 species – 1983-84, 1991-92, 2001-02, 2003-03, 2005-06
8 species – 1988-89, 1989-90, 1992-93, 1997-98, 2003-04
7 species – 1987-88
6 species – 1982-83, 1984-85, 1990-91, 1998-99

Mean 9; Median 9; Mode 8, 9, 10, 11.

Table 3.

Seasonal rank by species per fall/winter at Carlyle Lake – 1982-2008

26 seasons – Franklin's Gull, Bonaparte's Gull, Ring-billed Gull, Herring Gull
21 seasons – Laughing Gull
20 seasons – Lesser Black-backed Gull
17 seasons – Thayer's Gull, Sabine's Gull
16 seasons – Glaucous Gull
9 seasons – Black-legged Kittiwake
8 seasons – Little Gull, Great Black-backed Gull
5 seasons – California Gull
4 seasons – Mew Gull
3 seasons – Iceland Gull
1 season – Slaty-backed Gull, Glaucous-winged Gull

Arctic Tern at West Access Beach, Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 9 September. Photo by Mike Thelen.

truly special. I was to meet Mark Seiffert and Travis Mahan at the lake. We expected that jaegers and Sabine's Gulls would likely be associated with a cold front passage that was predicted that day. At dawn, Mark spotted the adult Glaucous-winged Gull on the West Access Beach, and we quickly set to work getting documentary photographs. Travis was soon to arrive, and we alerted others with rather early, but excusable, phone calls. Before we scoped the lake, we headed north to Fayette County to check out the four Wood Storks (*Mycteria americana*) that had been reported along Hurricane Creek on 28 August. The land owner Francis Baldwin, along with Sandy Britt and Charley Marbut, were very gracious in making arrangements for so many to visit and view the birds. Once back at the lake we met at Eldon Hazlet State Park to scope from the pavilion. The pavilion provides an excellent field of view and is elevated, which helps minimize refraction. As planned, we located two Sabine's Gulls and two Parasitic Jaegers (*Stercorarius parasiticus*). The excitement continued into Sunday when Mike Thelen found an adult Arctic Tern (*Sterna paradisaea*) at the West Access Beach. By the time others arrived, the tern had dispersed onto the lake. Luckily Mike got excellent photos for a first lake record.

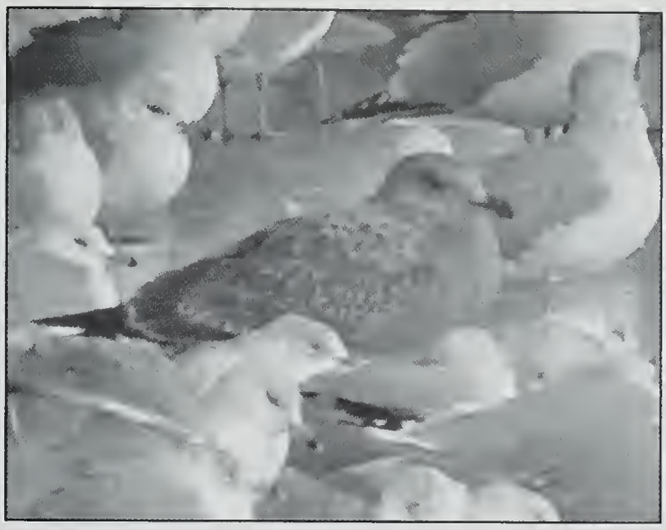
Little Gull has been recorded at the lake several times, but it is always a thrill to see another. Bill Rudden was birding Thanksgiving morning and found an adult at the Carlyle Sewage Ponds. My getting to the lake that morning was interrupted by a huge flock of blackbirds at the Monterey Mine, which included a single Great-

Little Gull at Carlyle Sewage Pond, Clinton County. 23 November 2007. Photo by Joseph Prosise.

tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*). With dinner plans pending, I had to get home only to listen to Bill's phone message. With Carlyle Lake so close, I was able to eat as planned, make a quick trip back to the lake, and then home for leftovers by dark. I did manage to get a few photos and observed a second adult Little Gull within the larger flock of Bonaparte's Gulls at the sewage pond. A single adult stuck around for a few more days and was seen by many through 27 November.

Slaty-backed Gull (center) at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 18 December 2007. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

My big thrill for the winter was the adult Slaty-backed Gull. Although this species seems to be more numerous around the Great Lakes and Maritime Provinces than in years past, I never expected to find one at Carlyle Lake. The weather for the weekend of 16 December was terrible. We attempted to run the Rend Lake CBC on 15 December, but cancelled by daybreak due to a snowstorm. Since I had been at Rend all night and geared up for a day of birding, I adjusted my plans and headed north to scout for the Carlyle Lake CBC, which was scheduled for 18 December. Locally the roads weren't so bad and getting home was slow, but not a problem. On 16 December, I was due at Lake Shelbyville for another CBC, but that too was cancelled due to the storm. Not wanting to waste the remainder



Iceland Gull (second-cycle) at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 20 January 2008. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Mew Gull at West Access Marina, Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. 23 February 2008. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

of the weekend indoors, I cautiously made my way back to Carlyle for another day of scouting. Arriving just before ten, I set up on Saddledam No. 2 to scope from my truck. A large raft of Common Goldeneyes were feeding within a hundred yards of the shore, and with the no boat traffic, I had the lake to myself. Rafting near the goldeneye was a dark-backed gull which seemed too big for a Lesser Black-backed Gull and too small and pale for a Great Black-backed Gull. I watched and waited for almost an hour before the bird flew. Right away I could see the pink feet, but the wing tip pattern in flight was difficult to discern. I tentatively hot-lined the bird as an adult Slaty-backed Gull, or possibly a Western Gull (*Larus occidentalis*). By the time other birders had arrived, I was confident with the identification, but my photos that day were distant and inconclusive. By the CBC on 18 December, several others had seen the bird, and we were able to get more photos, including Josh Uffman's diagnostic flight shots. Much confusion followed the remainder of the week as there were several Lesser Black-backed Gulls present, and reports of the Slaty-backed Gull were muddled by misidentifications.

Iceland Gulls are not so rare in Illinois, but downstate and away from the locks and dams along the Mississippi River, there are few records. Prior to this winter, there were only two previous records for Carlyle Lake: 13 February 1997 and 5 January 2001. We observed an adult Iceland Gull on 23 December 2007, and first cycle birds on 2 January and 20-21 January 2008.

The Carlyle winter ended with another gull rarity on 23 February, a sub-adult Mew Gull. Luckily the bird was on the West Access Marina docks and very approachable. I took more than 100 photos before I picked up the phone. Bill Rudden arrived, and we took each other to task discussing the size of the bird and its sub-specific identification. With so much gull activity throughout the winter, I began traveling with a mobile library of Grant (1986), Olsen and Larsson (2004), and Howell and Dunn (2007). Rifling through the texts as you're observing a rare gull is a great lesson. The intent and focus produces a level of retained knowledge that far surpasses other approaches and can only be helpful, if not vital, to further discoveries. Bill, always pushing the envelope, introduced the possibility of 'Kamchatka' Gull (*Larus canus kamtschatschensis*). Within a few hours several other birders arrived with cameras in tow. The quality of photos is such that this bird is very likely a 'Kamchatka' Gull. An article in this issue describes the bird in more detail, but see Stotz (2008).

Aside from the relatively easy identifications of adult gulls are the

trickier first-cycle and second-cycle birds. Two birds, in particular, were of great interest this season. Although the photos may prove inconclusive, I'm not so ready to assume that all unusual immatures are Herring Gulls by default. With the advent of northeast Asian gulls, which are now being seen with some regularity around the Great Lakes, the prospects of Black-tailed Gull (*Larus crassirostris*), 'Kamchatka' Gull, Vega Gull (*Larus argentatus vegae*), Slaty-backed Gull, and Glaucous-winged Gull are all worthy of consideration when scoping a large winter roost. If this season is any indication, when Asian gulls are present, take advantage of the list serves and map out where others are being seen. It is likely that the movement of birds is considerable given the right weather pattern and may involve multiple species possibly dispersing from a common source. Is it also safe to assume that if adults are present, younger birds are likely present as well? How many first-cycle and second-cycle birds are going unidentified or, worse yet, misidentified? A new era may be upon us. The digital camera has brought birding to a new threshold and few species are easier to photograph than gulls. I can hardly wait for next winter and another season of rarities.

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A potential first North American record of 'Kamchatka' Mew Gull away from Pacific Ocean

By Bill Rudden

At around 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, 23 February 2008, Dan Kassebaum called Travis A. Mahan to report an adult Mew Gull (*Larus canus*) that he had found around 8 a.m. while scanning through the large numbers of gulls amassed at the sailboat marina at the south end of Carlyle Lake (Clinton County). I also happened to be birding around Carlyle Lake and ran into Dan at the marina. He told me about the gull, which of course had just flown from the ice out onto the main lake. Dan relocated the gull when it returned to the marina. My first comment after observing the gull through my binoculars was, "It's huge!" We both returned to our vehicles for warmth and to steady our spotting scopes to obtain more photographs. Dan had already acquired more than 100 photographs prior to my arrival.

The marina maintained a high level of gull activity. Hundreds of Ring-billed Gulls (*Larus delawarensis*), along with the Mew Gull, were feeding on the countless fish that were trapped in the ice. Fortunately, the Mew Gull defended a small territory that was among the closest line of docks to our position. This allowed close observation and accessibility

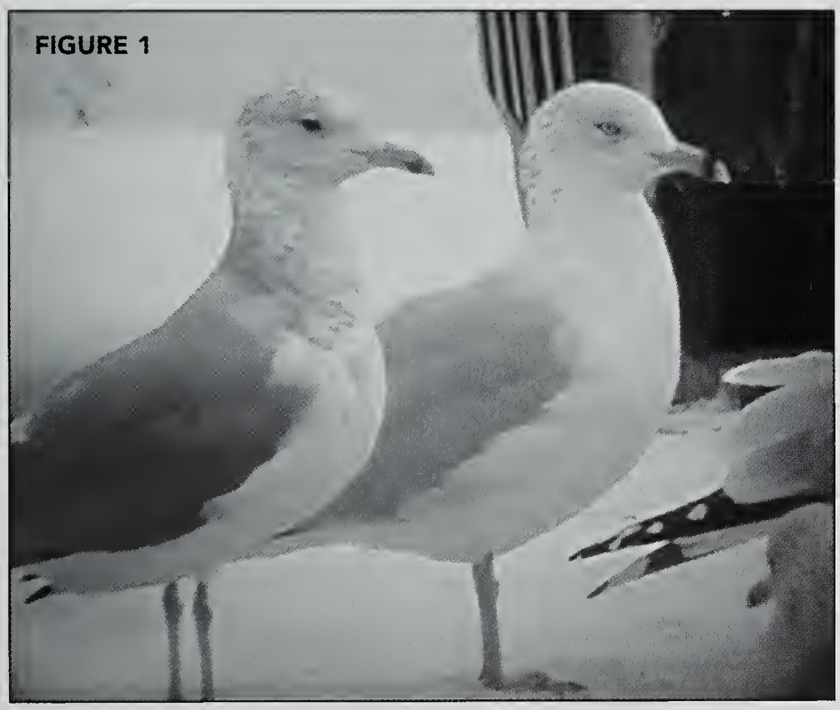
FIGURE 4

FIGURE 3

for photographs while it fed voraciously, chiseling fish from the ice. The gull remained in the same area of the marina throughout much of the day despite being flushed by maintenance workers numerous times.

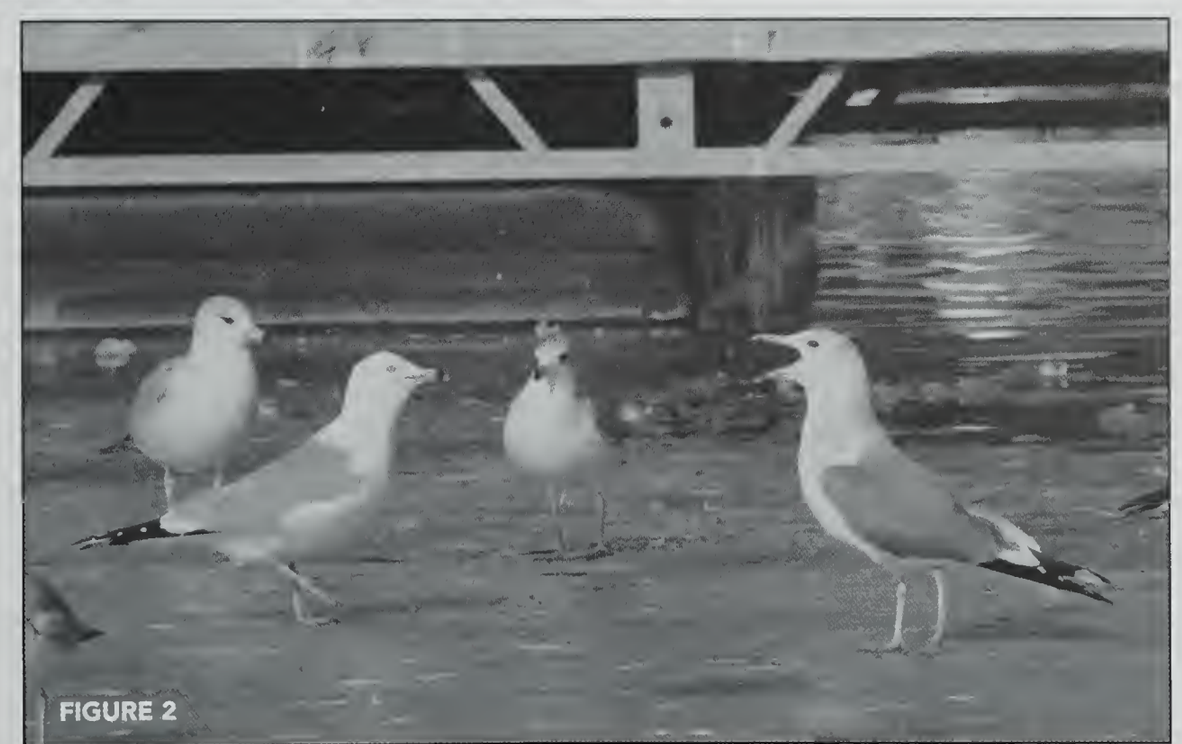
The Mew Gull had some distinctive features that set it apart from the nearby Ring-billed Gulls. It was equal in size to the Ring-billed Gulls and seemed larger, darker-backed, and longer-billed than that expected for the North American race of Mew Gull (*Larus canus brachyrhynchus*). Upon further observation, the bird was determined to be an immature due to the brownish coloration on its primary coverts, greenish legs, and limited dark tertial markings. The gull did, however, have a clean, all-white tail.

After some maintenance work on the docks temporarily flushed the flock of gulls from the marina, we started to discuss the possibilities of this gull's identity. Dan had a few references in his truck, which included Howell and Dunn's Gulls of the Americas and Olsen and Larsson's Gulls of North America, Europe, and Asia. Given the features observed in this bird, other races of Mew Gull were examined and discussed: the European and Asian races Common Gull (*Larus canus canus* and *Larus canus heinei*); and the east Asian race 'Kamchatka' Gull (*Larus canus kamtschatschensis*). Features such as the dark back coloration, dark eye, blue-green leg coloration, and long, thin bill with a limited gonydeal angle suggested a small California Gull (*Larus californicus*). "This isn't a small California?" was a question I presented to Dan, who quickly put that scare to rest by pointing out the presence of white tongue tips on the inner primaries (P5-7). The bill was also too thin and lacked the red and black gony spots.



Potential 'Kamchatka' Mew Gull at Carlyle Lake, Clinton County.

Photos taken 23 February 2008 clockwise as follows, by Dan Kassebaum (see gull at left, Figure 1 for comparison with Ring-billed Gull at right), Travis A. Mahan (see gull at right, Figure 2), and Tom Bormann (Figure 3), and on 24 February 2008 in flight by Frank Holmes (Figure 4).



As the day progressed, other birders began to arrive: Travis from Decatur and Joe Eades, Dave Rogles, and Tom Bormann from the St. Louis area. Disguised as listers, these guys come to study the prey and learn the tactics used in the successful hunt. The show-and-tell birding continued through the afternoon. Five more birders joined the ardent group of larophiles: Charley Marbut; Charlene and Jim Malone; and Mark and Mike Seiffert. While Tom and Travis secured great photographs, we jokingly called the gull a miniature Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*). The discussion closed with the loss of daylight. All the field marks fit 'Kamchatka' Gull, but one feather, P8, also fit third-cycle Mew Gull.

The field marks were clearly on the outer limits for the expected North American race of Mew Gull, and all were consistent with 'Kamchatka' Gull. Therefore, 'Kamchatka' Gull identification was researched and suggested. The Carlyle gull's structure was the base identifying feature that, when considered together with the plumage characteristics, seemed to eliminate Mew Gull. The following list of features describes the Carlyle gull as compared with Ring-billed Gull. Features highlighted in bold underlined text are offered as attributes noted in the subject gull that are not present, or are rare, in the North American race of Mew Gull, and thus strongly support the identification as 'Kamchatka' Gull.

Photos and field descriptions were quickly posted online to not only alert the Illinois birding community to the presence of this bird (a great bird, no matter what subspecies), but also to entice discussion on this gull's identity. Information was circulated via several internet sources, which included Illinois Birders Exchanging Thoughts (IBET), the Illinois Birders' Forum, Surfbirds, and Frontiers of Identification (ID-Frontiers). The identification of this gull as a likely 'Kamchatka' Gull was supported. No doubt the photographs from Tom Bormann, Frank Holmes, and Travis Mahan made identification a possibility (See Figures 1-4). Alvaro Jaramillo set the tone (via ID-Frontiers): "I was just doing a gull class this weekend and we had the pleasure of looking at 200+ Mew Gulls and no bird looked like yours, I mean that is a huge Mew Gull with a big bill and very thick legs." After presenting a comprehensive critique of the Carlyle gull's structure and dimensions, Martin Reid summarized his thoughts as follows (via ID-Frontiers): "Thus we have a gull that has a plumage and apparent biometrics that is typical in almost all known respects (and possible fairly typical for the eye color at this age) for 'Kamchatka' Gull." Norman D. van Swelm also found the 'Kamchatka' Gull identification appealing: "A bird this big can only belong to the most easterly and largest of the canus forms: kamtschatschensis!" A response to descriptions of the Carlyle gull's vocalizations was posted on ID-Frontiers by Louis Bevier: "the calls described sound pretty far outside what is typical of Mew Gull."

Collectively, the *Larus canus* subspecies maintain a broad distribution throughout the northern hemisphere: Mew Gull breeds in northwestern North America and is the only form of *Larus canus* in North America; Common Gull (*Larus canus canus*) breeds in western Asia and Europe; Russian Gull (*Larus canus heinei*) breeds in central Asia and Russia; and 'Kamchatka' Gull (*Larus canus kamtschatschensis*) breeds in eastern Asia and Siberia. The 'Kamchatka' Gull's range in eastern Siberia basically mirrors the range of Mew Gull in Alaska and western Canada. This

Body:

- Nearly a full adult in basic plumage
- Equal in size to nearby Ring-billed Gulls
- Full-headed with sloped profile
- Medium dark-gray back with wide white tertial and scapular crescents
- Black primaries with white apical spots on P5, P6 (small), and P7 tiny
- All-white tail
- Dusky-brown streaking on head, gathering on nape and forming crescent markings on chest
- Dark-gray back with slight brown (iridescent) cast to upperwing coverts
- Greenish-based parallel-edged bill, equal in length to the bills of nearby Ring-billed Gulls
- Bill with diffused sub-terminal dark band with yellow tip
- Small brown eye with black pupil
- Blue-green leg coloration

Open wing:

- Wingtips black with black markings present on outer four primary coverts
- Large mirrors present on P9 and P10
- Thin gray tongue on inner web of P8
- Deep gray tongues with white tips (pearls) on P5, P6, and P7
- Small black markings (broken bar) on webs of P4
- Dark markings on primary coverts and alula
- Wide white trailing edge on inner secondaries, narrowing on outer secondaries
- Underwings of remiges smoky gray

Voice (not recorded):

- A preliminary comparison of vocalizations heard in the field with commercial recordings of the various subspecies seemed to fit best with the North American race; however, there were very few 'Kamchatka' recordings from which to compare, which may not have contained calls from similar feeding situations.

region of eastern Asia also holds other known Asiatic strays, including Slaty-backed Gull, Black-tailed Gull (*Larus crassirostris*) and Vega Gull (*Larus vegae*), which are yielding increased sightings in North America. In fact, the winter of 2007-2008 provided an unprecedented number of Slaty-backed Gull reports. They were reported from both coasts as well as from several inland locations around the Great Lakes.

Despite the extreme rarity of a 'Kamchatka' Gull being found in southern Illinois, this wouldn't be the first time a sighting of this magnitude occurred. During the winter of 1983-1984, the first Slaty-backed Gull for North America away from Alaska was found along the Mississippi River near St. Louis, fifty miles west of Carlyle Lake (Goetz, R. et al. 1986). Soon after this sighting, Slaty-backed Gulls started to be found along the coast of California. Perhaps lightning can strike the same spot twice.

Editor's Note: The Illinois Ornithological Records Committee accepted this bird as a Mew Gull (Stotz 2008), writing that "we could not at present be certain that this individual belonged to *kamchatschensis*, but that the evidence was generally supportive of that identification."

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Three rare sea ducks in central Illinois

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Long-tailed Duck.
12 December 2007.
Bloomington, McLean County.
Photo by Matt Fraker.

The winter season of 2007-2008 provided a unique opportunity for birders in central Illinois to view rare sea ducks as they passed through the middle of the state. Aside from Clinton Lake and the Illinois River, sea ducks, especially the less common species are difficult to find in this area. Ironically, I took a trip to the Indiana lakefront on 10 November 2007 to see some of the more difficult-to-find sea ducks. Excluding a couple of Red-throated Loons and a Great Black-backed Gull, the trip was unproductive. It was two favorite local spots in central Illinois that ultimately provided me with three great life birds.

The first goodie was a Black Scoter (*Melanitta nigra*) on 25 November 2007 at Evergreen Lake. That day, the John Wesley Powell Audubon Society had just returned from a field trip to Clinton Lake, where we had a good diversity and number of ducks, loons, and grebes, but nothing unusual. First we had miserable cold rain, and then came an annoying barrage of ice pellets.

Despite the nasty conditions, I decided to check Evergreen Lake on my way home. While scanning the lake from the boat launch I noticed a lone duck on the far side of the main basin (Woodford County). It was stocky and dark overall with a pale cheek and a stout bill.

Black Scoter crossed my mind, but I figured it was probably just a Ruddy Duck playing tricks on me. The bird was too far away and visibility was too poor for me to call a bird with which I had no experience. So I called my good friend, Matt Fraker, who always seems to answer the phone and help me identify anything different I find. He happened to be en route to his nearby farm and decided to see the bird himself. I packed up my scope and field guide and went to search for a closer vantage point. On the north side of the lake, I found a spot where you could hike in and get much closer to the duck while being concealed by vegetation. After a quick look from this distance, it was obvious the duck was too bulky while the head and bill too relatively small for a Ruddy Duck. The pale cheek was rather muddy and had a faint vertical line across it. I was looking at a female or immature Black Scoter. Matt met me a few minutes later and we had the pleasure of watching this bird preening and diving for 30 minutes. The Black Scoter stayed at Evergreen for three more days until another cold front passed through.

My next encounter with an unusual sea duck in McLean County was

on 11 December 2007 at White Oak Lake, which is a somewhat small residential lake at White Oak Park in Bloomington. I often walk the mile-long path around this lake over my lunch break. During waterfowl migration, I set up the scope and scan the waterfowl. The lake draws some good ducks and viewing conditions are excellent here. While scanning the ducks, I saw a bird that caused my jaw to drop. It was a gaudy Long-tailed Duck (*Clangula hyemalis*). Matt Fraker was unavailable so I called a local Audubon Society field trip leader, Les Allen. He was excited to hear about the duck and asked if I thought it was male or female. Neither being familiar with the different plumages nor having a field guide handy, I had to describe the duck to Les over the phone. After talking it over we agreed it was an adult winter male. Les Allen and Dale Birkenholz came out to see the bird early that afternoon, and the dapper duck remained for many birders to enjoy. It even got included on the Bloomington Christmas Bird Count on 20 December 2007.

The last sea duck sighting that season came at the end of winter when ducks were migrating through and resting at Evergreen Lake (McLean County). On 3 March 2008, I scanned the south end of the lake to see hundreds of ducks, mostly Mallards, but also Common and Hooded Mergansers, Northern Pintails, American Wigeons, American Black Ducks, and a Canvasback. Among these I found a very different looking duck. It was rather bulky, heavy-billed, and flat, dark brown with two pale markings spots on the face. This duck reminded me of the scoter I had seen a few months earlier, but it was rather non-descript. I called Matt Fraker and informed him there was another scoter at Evergreen Lake. "Are you serious?" he asked, since I had reported false rarities to him before (i.e. Western Tanager, Purple Sandpiper) just for the sheer fun of it.

I told him it's not a Black Scoter, but either a Surf or White-winged, neither of which I had seen before. "I'll be there in about 20 minutes!" replied Matt.

While, waiting, I went to look for a better spot to get the scope on the duck. Hiking down the Mallard Access Trail, I found an opening in the trees with good light. After a better look at the duck, I thought it was a White-winged Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*), but the white markings on the face weren't clear enough to rule out a Surf (*M. perspicillata*). Finally the bird opened its wings, exposing the large white patches and revealing its identity. It was McLean County's first record of White-winged Scoter.

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Winter 2007/2008 ... an excellent winter season for Common Redpolls in Illinois

Common Redpoll at Chicago Botanic Garden, Cook County. 13 February 2008. Photo by Emil Martinec.

Common Redpolls at feeder, Chicago Botanic Garden, Cook County. 27 January 2008. Photo by Cindy Lubecke.

Common Redpoll with House Finch at a backyard bird feeder. December 2007, DeKalb County. Photo by Karen Lund.

Common Redpoll at Northerly Island, Chicago, Cook County. This was the beginning of an excellent winter season for Common Redpolls in Illinois. 17 November 2007. Photo by Steve Huggins.

Ruddy Turnstone: first Illinois CBC record

By Carolyn Marsh, Calumet City-Sand Ridge Compiler

The bi-state Calumet City-Sand Ridge Christmas Bird Count held 29 December 2007 produced an extraordinary result, a Ruddy Turnstone (*Arenaria interpres*). The shorebird was observed at the Whiting Refinery Beach in Whiting, Indiana on the shore of Lake Michigan. It was seen at the break of day by Carolyn Marsh and John Kendall.

The bird was first discovered on 25 November 2007 at the Hammond Bird Sanctuary beach and it surprisingly stayed in the area until Count Day, 29 December and beyond when it was last seen on 23 January 2008. It was also with a Dunlin on 26 December during Count Week.

The Ruddy Turnstone spent most days on the Whiting Refinery Beach among gulls and mallards. It was seen eating dead fish and leftovers from gulls and probing seaweeds and turning over rocks and shells with its strong and slightly upturned upper mandible.

The turnstone probably survived snowstorms, with the lowest temperature of -1° F below zero on 19 January 2008, because of the refinery warm water discharge pipe at the beach. The beach is isolated and recessed in an artificially created basin that shelters it from inclement weather.

The Ruddy Turnstone breeds in high-arctic Canada and Greenland. It is a regular fall migrant throughout the Midwest, but sightings and numbers have been declining in past years in both Illinois and Indiana. This is also a record late fall-winter migration date for Illinois and Indiana. This species is typically documented on the west and east coasts during the annual Christmas Bird Count period.

The Ruddy Turnstone above was seen during the Calumet City - Sand Ridge Christmas Bird Count on 29 December 2007. Photo by John Kendall.

It is likely based on the following data that at least two Ruddy Turnstones were on the lakefront during the Christmas Bird Count period and beyond.

25 November 2007 –
Alternate plumage
Hammond Bird Sanctuary, Hammond, Indiana
John Cassady, Carolyn A. Marsh and Jeff McCoy

02 December 2007 – with Dunlin
Rainbow Beach, Chicago, Illinois
Robert D. Hughes

06 December 2007 –
Alternate plumage
Whiting Refinery Beach, Whiting, Indiana
Carolyn A. Marsh

10 December 2007 –
Alternate plumage
with American Pipit and Killdeer
Whiting Refinery Beach, Indiana
Carolyn A. Marsh

15 and 19 December 2007 –
Alternate plumage
Waukegan Harbor Beach, Illinois
Bob Erickson, Al Stokie and David Wiechers

21 December 2007 – Basic plumage
Hammond Bird Sanctuary, Indiana
Carolyn A. Marsh

22 December 2007 – Basic plumage
Hammond Bird Sanctuary, Indiana
Susan Bagby, Kenneth J. Brock, John Cassady and Randy Pals

22 December 2007 –
Alternate plumage
Waukegan Harbor Beach, Waukegan, Illinois
David Wiechers

25 December 2007 – with Dunlin
Whihala County Park, Hammond, Indiana
Robert D. Hughes

26 December 2007 – Count Week –
Basic adult plumage with Dunlin
Whihala County Park, Hammond, Indiana
Michael Topp

Whiting Refinery Beach, Whiting, Indiana with Dunlin
Carolyn A. Marsh.

The Ruddy Turnstone and Dunlin became separated and each was also seen alone by John Kendall and Patty Topp.

29 December 2007 – Count Day –
Basic adult plumage
Whiting Refinery Beach, Whiting, Indiana
John Kendall and Carolyn A. Marsh

30 December 2007 through 23 January 2008 –
Basic adult plumage
Whiting Refinery Beach, Whiting, Indiana
Many observers

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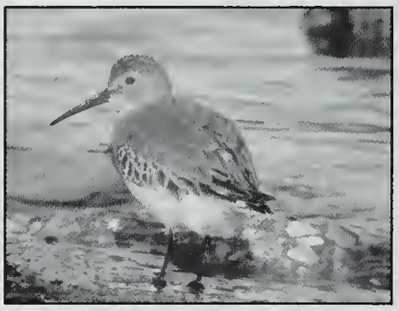
The 2007/2008 Illinois Christmas Bird Count

By Paul Sweet



This Dunlin was seen during the Calumet City-Sand Ridge Christmas Bird Count Week on 26 December 2007. Six species of shorebirds were observed during the 2007/2008 Illinois Christmas Bird Count. Photo by Michael Topp.

What a difference a year can make! The 2006/2007 Christmas Bird Count season was very warm and dry. But during the 2007/2008 CBC season, cold temperatures dominated, and snow cover was recorded on half the counts in Illinois. At least one downstate count was postponed (twice) due to winter storms. However, some good birds were still found by our intrepid counters. Not surprisingly, gulls were headliners, although several species of shorebirds were good finds as well.

In all, 64 counts were conducted in Illinois in 2007/2008, including four Iowa counts that cross the Mississippi. This includes two new counts we welcomed to the state: Coles-Cumberland and Shelbyville Reservoir. A total of 175 species were counted, with an additional 4 count-week birds, including Dunlin. Seven counts reached the 100 species mark, with Carlyle leading the way with a state record 114. There were 1,109 field observers who put in 3,385 party-hours, covering 19,950 miles. In addition, 275 feeder watchers contributed 495 hours of observation. Fermilab had the most field observers with 95, and as usual Waukegan had the most feeder observers with 78.

Several new species were recorded during the season. The headliner has to be the Slaty-backed Gull that was seen and photographed at Carlyle Lake. The Glaucous-winged Gull on the same count had been present for some time. A Ruddy Turnstone was photographed at Calumet-Sand Ridge (*see photo and story in this issue*).

Ducks through Grebes

Overall, goose numbers were down from the last two years' high counts, especially Greater White-fronted and Snow Geese. 79 Ross' Geese were counted on 9 counts, all in Southern Illinois. Trumpeter Swans were on 7 counts, for a total of 56. The 27 counted at Union County represented a new state high, as did the 99 Tundra Swans at Chautauqua NWR. Unusual ducks included a Harlequin Duck on the Chicago Urban count, 2 Surf Scoters at Waukegan, lone Black Scoters at Bird Haven and Calumet, and lone Long-tailed Ducks at Carlyle and Bloomington. The 2,859 Red-breasted Mergansers at Chicago Lakefront represented a new state high.

Only 417 Ring-necked Pheasants were counted, on 26 counts. In contrast, there were 2,095 Wild Turkeys on 41 counts, including 240 in Champaign County alone. The Greater Prairie-Chickens at Newton were down to 45 four years after a record high of 106. Only 19 counts recorded Northern Bobwhite, and only 1 count reported 1 Gray Partridge at Princeton-Camanche.

Waukegan had a Red-throated Loon, and lone Common Loons were reported on 4 counts. The 132 Pied-billed Grebes at Crab Orchard represented a new state high. The 121 Horned Grebes at Baldwin Lake were also noteworthy. Eared Grebes included one at Rend Lake and 2 at Crab Orchard. A count-week Red-necked Grebe was at Springfield.

Pelicans through Cranes

American White Pelicans were on 6 counts. Double-crested Cormorant numbers were very low overall, with 115 on 14 counts. Meredosia Island, Kankakee Valley, and Crane Lake (2) reported Great Egrets. Black-crowned Night-Herons were reported at 3 locations, with the 21 at Calumet–Sand Ridge being notable.

Black and Turkey Vultures were in typical numbers in Southern Illinois. Bald Eagles were noted on 48 counts, with 228 at Green Island, 422 at Andalusia, and 429 at Muscatine. The Andalusia count was the highest in the state for a count not centered in Iowa. 14 Sharp-shinned Hawks at Lisle Arboretum were notable, and 37 Cooper's Hawks at Fermilab represented a new state record. A Northern Goshawk was documented at Joliet. 2 others were reported without documentation. A fourth Northern Goshawk report was unconvincing. Union County's 47 Red-shouldered Hawk represented a new state high. Pere Marquette reported a Harlan's Hawk and a Krider's Hawk. Merlins were reported on 7 counts, as were Peregrine Falcons.

The only Virginia Rail was a count-week bird at Waukegan. Only 15 Sandhill Cranes were reported, on 5 counts.

Shorebirds through Jaegers

Despite the cold and stormy weather, 6 species of shorebirds were reported this CBC season. A Ruddy Turnstone at Calumet–Sand Ridge was new for the state. It was accompanied by a count-week Dunlin. 6 Least Sandpipers were at Pere Marquette, and one was at Carlyle. 4 American Woodcocks were reported on 2 counts.

12 species of gull were reported on Illinois CBCs this year. A Little Gull was reported count week at Springfield. Rend Lake's 9500 Bonaparte's Gulls were a new state high. 12 Thayer's Gulls were reported on 5 counts, an Iceland Gull was at Chicago Lakefront, and another was reported count

week at Starved Rock. Lesser Black-backed Gulls were reported on 5 counts, with 5 at Carlyle particularly notable. The Glaucous-winged Gull at Carlyle had been present for some time, but the adult Slaty-backed Gull showed up two days before the count, and apparently left immediately after the count. Solo Glaucous Gulls were reported at Springfield and Calumet–Sand Ridge, and Calumet's 8 Great Black-backed Gulls represented a new state high. Waukegan and Meredosia also reported solo Great Black-backed Gulls. Finally, a 1st year Black-legged Kittiwake was photographed at Kishwaukee. A well-photographed Pomarine Jaeger was still present at Collinsville on count day.

Doves through Woodpeckers

Eurasian Collared-Doves were reported from 25 counts, with Newton's 84 a new state high count. 125 Monk Parakeets were reported from 4 counts. 4 Barn Owls were reported – 3 from Carlyle and 1 from Union County. A Snowy Owl was photographed at Rockford – it had been in the area for some time. A total of 45 Long-eared Owls on 16 counts was the highest state total since 1995. Short-eared Owls appeared to be in typical numbers, with the exception of a state-record 74 at Arklands. A total of 19 Northern Saw-whet Owls was recorded on 12 counts, including a state record 5 at Thorn Creek – Park Forest.

A Rufous Hummingbird was at a feeder in Crab Orchard – the 4th CBC record for the state. Union County recorded an impressive 125 Pileated Woodpeckers.

Flycatchers through Warblers

15 Eastern Phoebes were counted on 7 counts, with one at Kankakee Valley the farthest north. Northern Shrikes put on an impressive invasion, with 72 on 21 counts. Fermilab had a state record 15, while one in Union County (but in Missouri) was exceptionally far south. Blue Jays appeared to be in typical numbers, but 26,207 American Crows is the lowest count in over 20 years. The 2,767 Horned Larks at Carlyle represented a new state high. A lone Tree Swallow was at Crab Orchard. 653 Red-breasted Nuthatches statewide were the most documented since the same number was recorded in 1993. Lone House Wrens were at Cypress Creek, Jackson County, and Mermet Lake, while Marsh Wrens were at Arklands (2) and Union County.

A Townsend's Solitaire was at Fermilab. This species was first documented on an Illinois CBC in 1958, while the second record occurred in 1983. This year's individual is the fourth since 1995. Hermit Thrush numbers were low this year – only 118 on 25 counts. The odd thing, though, is that they were in typical numbers in Northern Illinois, while many compilers in Southern Illinois reported that they were difficult to find.

Four Gray Catbirds were seen on 3 counts, including 2 on the Chicago Urban count. 432 American Pipits were seen, on 11 counts, with 202 at Cypress Creek a new state high. The 18 at Champaign County were the only ones not in Southern Illinois. Lone Orange-crowned Warblers were at Clinton Lake and Springfield. 248 Yellow-rumped Warblers were counted on 28 counts, while lone Pine Warblers were seen on 4 counts. Pere Marquette recorded a near-record 4 Common Yellowthroats. This species has been reported nearly annually over the last 28 years.

Sparrows through Weaver Finches

Two Spotted Towhees were reported, one at Bloomington and one at Mermet Lake. Four Chipping Sparrows were reported on 3 counts. Lone Vesper Sparrows were at Bloomington and Hennepin. Five Lincoln's Sparrows were reported on 4 counts, while Carlyle had the only Harris's Sparrow. 6 counts reported 'Oregon' Dark-eyed Juncos. Lapland Longspurs appeared to be fairly typical, while 6 Snow Buntings reached Southern Illinois, on three counts. A Chestnut-collared Longspur at Crane Lake is still under review. A Rose-breasted Grosbeak was at Quincy, while an Indigo Bunting was at Union County. Four Western Meadowlarks were reported on 3 counts.

This year, winter finches were finally noticeable again after being counted in low numbers in recent CBCs. 600 Purple Finches were counted on 44 counts, with an impressive 145 at Western Mercer County. 42 Red Crossbills were reported on 5 counts, while Kishwaukee had the only White-winged Crossbill. Common Redpolls were reported on 20 counts, with a total of 346. None of the Hoary Redpolls reported later in the winter were counted during the Christmas Count season. One Evening Grosbeak was at McHenry County. Finally, 16 count circles reported Eurasian Tree Sparrow.

Acknowledgements

As always, I would like to thank all of the count compilers. Without their hard work the CBC would be nothing but a pile of useless numbers. Given the weather this year, however, it only seems appropriate to reserve the biggest acknowledgement to all of the intrepid counters who were willing and eager to challenge the elements to gather all of those numbers.

Data from this year's CBC, and indeed all CBC's ever undertaken, can be found online at the National Audubon Society's website, at www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/. Information on this year's counts can also be found at this site.

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About the Tables

The following nine pages include the tables corresponding to the 2007/2008 CBC season in Illinois.

Page 94 includes a list of count names, the coding and the compiler along with weather, observations, party hours, and other statistics.Pages 95, 96, 97, and 98 include the count tallies from the northern section of the state, Pages 99 and 100 include the count tallies from the central section, and pages 101 and 102 include the count tallies from the southern part of the state.

The following abbreviations have been used:

hc = high count for that circle;
lc = unusually low count;
HC = state record high count and
nc = new species for the state

Count Name	Code	Date	Te mp Low	Te mp High	Wind Direction	Wind Low	Speed High	Snow Depth	Water	Sky Conditions	Field Observers	Feeder Observers	Feeder Hours	Total Parties	Party Hours	Party Miles	Owling Hours	Owling Miles	Compiler	Area
Andalusia	ANDA	1/5/2008	37	46	sw	0	15	5	f	cld	10	0	0	3	27.5	296.25	3.5	34	Kelly J. McKay	
Barrington	BARR	12/17/2007	15	23	sw	8	14	8	po	clr	30	4	8	13	67.75	300.5	1.75	1	Duane Heaton	
Calumet City - Sand Ridge	CALU	12/29/2007	21	31	s	0	5	0	f	cld	45	12	24	13	67	292	0	0	Carolyn Marsh	
Chicago Lakefront	CHLK	12/25/2007	17	38	sw	8	12	2	f	clr	12	0	0	5	28.5	41	0	0	Joel Greenberg	
Chicago Urban	CHIU	12/16/2007	22	29	nw	10	20	10	pf	clr	23	5	5	12	71	478	3	12	Jeffrey Sanders	
Clinton IA	CL IA	12/18/2007	25	36	sw	5	10	5	f	clr	10	11	8	4	33	315.5	6.25	63	Kelly J. McKay	
Davenport IA	DA IA	12/16/2007	12	24	nw	10	15	5	f	cldy	15	15	19.75	6	56.25	486.75	7.5	66	Kelly J. McKay	
Dekalb	DEKA	12/15/2007	22	26	unk	4	10	5	f	cld	20	3	5	6	126.5	444.25	4.25	43	Mike Andrews	
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Fermilab	FERM	12/15/2007	24	30	ne	6	16	3	f	cld	95	3	6	40	205	682	8	31	Jeff Chapman	
Freeport	FREE	12/15/2007	17	27	n	5	15	7	pf	cld	12	5	7.5	4	26	391.45	1	12	Richard Benning	O
Green Island-Lost Mound	GILM	12/14/2007	13	28	nw	0	4	6	f	cldy	15	0	0	11	52.25	365.25	0	0	Dan Wenny	
Hennepin	HENN	12/16/2007	18	20	nw	20	20	5	f	pclr	6	0	0	3	25.25	241.75	1.75	16	John McKee	R
Illini S.P.	ILLI	12/23/2007	14	19	sw	22	35	2	f	cld	7	8	9.5	5	22.25	286	2	14	Jim Hampson	
Joliet	JOLI	12/15/2007	24	31	ne	5	15	1	pf	cld	16	0	5.75	16	57.5	410	0	0	Gregory Bluhm	T
Kankakee Valley	KANK	12/29/2007	27	29	w	0	15	0.33	pf	cld	19	6	8.75	14	66.5	377.8	7.5	11.75	Jed Hertz	
Kishwaukee	KISH	12/29/2007	19	27	w	0	5	6	po	cld	30	5	7.5	17	99	636.5	3	6	Barbara Williams	H
Lisle Arboretum	LISL	12/16/2007	19	28	nw	13	23	6	f	clr	87	18	40.25	27	202.25	622.15	19.25	52.75	Geoffrey Williamson	
McHenry Co.	MCHE	12/15/2007	23	30	ne	7	10	4	f	cld	47	0	0	17	87	588.95	1.25	1	Rob Gough	
Morris-Wilmington	MOWI	12/29/2007	25	28	w	4	12	0	po	pcld	10	2	4	4	26.25	264	1	0	Bill Morris	
Muscatine IA	MU IA	12/22/2007	36	42	ne	0	10	0	f	cldy	10	8	9	4	30.75	303.5	3.5	41	Kelly J. McKay	
Princeton-Camanche IA	PC IA	12/20/2007	22	38	se	0	10	3	f	pclr	6	0	0	4	35.5	308.5	5.25	48	Kelly J. McKay	
Rockford	ROCK	12/15/2007	19	28	ne	0	10	6	f	cld	40	8	14.5	20	112.5	689.5	3	25	Dan Williams	
Schapville	SCHA	1/4/2008	18	30	sw	0	5	18	f	cld	18	2	3	6	10	320	1	0	Terrence Ingram	
Starved Rock S.P.	SRSP	1/1/2008	18	21	nw	15	25	5	f	cld	10	3	10	6	39.75	395.75	1.75	18	John McKee	
Thorn Creek-Park Forest	TCPF	1/5/2008	28	43	sw	0	22	3	po	cld	34	19	27	14	98	308	0	0	Al Thomas	
Van Petten	VANP	12/26/2007	23	39	sw	0	10	0	f	cldy	10	0	0	4	38.25	350.25	3.75	36	Kelly J. McKay	
Waukegan	WAUK	1/1/2008	18	28	w	5	20	8	f	cld	32	78	145	16	87	403.5	7.5	16	Joel Greenberg	
White Pines	WTPN	12/23/2007	4	20	nw	35	45	12	f	cld	3	1	0.5	3	40.75	287.5	1	0.5	Eric Walters	
Bloomington - Normal	BLOM	12/15/2007	25	29	ne	15	20	3	po	cld	17	2	3	7	45	241	0	0	Dale Birkenholz	
Bushnell	BUSH	12/15/2007	24	29	ne	3	10	5	f	cld	6	0	0	4	33	237.5	0	0	Larry L. Hood	C
Champaign County	CHAM	12/15/2007	26	30	ne	5	21	0	pf	cld	26	4	4.5	10	55	175.5	1.5	15	Helen Parker	
Chautauqua N.W.R.	CHAU	12/22/2007	40	54	ne	5	5	0	po	cld	15	1	2	6	49.75	279.25	1.25	2	Richard Bjorklund	E
Chillicothe	CHIL	1/5/2008	42	59	var	1	6	1	pf	cld	20	0	0	8	68.25	426	0	0	Tracy Meints Fox	
Clinton Lake	CLLK	1/1/2008	18	19	w	9	25	3	pf	cld	11	0	0	5	37	212.25	0.5	1	Rhetta Jack	N
Coles-Cumberland	COCU	12/15/2007	28	32	ne	0	10	1	o	cld	21	9	9.75	11	41.5	145.75	1.75	0	Laurence Thorsen	
Crane Lake-Sangamon	CRLK	12/15/2007	26	32	ne	0	10	4	pf	cld	8	0	0	5	29	289.5	0	0	Robert Randall	T
Decatur	DECA	12/15/2007	20	29	nw	10	25	10	o	clr	11	3	6	5	20	165	0	0	Ross Thompson	
Eastern Knox Co.	EKNX	12/14/2007	17	25	var	0	9	3	po	cld	8	1	6	6	43.75	476	5	50	Jim Mountjoy	R
Forest Glen Preserve	FGPR	12/19/2007	19	31	clm	0	0	6	po	clr	9	2	4	6	35.75	290	0	0	Marilyn Campbell	
Meredosia Island	MERE	12/17/2007	-2	32	nw	0	3	0	f	pcld	13	0	0	5	44.5	366.75	0	0	Tony Ward	A
Peoria	PEOR	12/15/2007	24	29	clm	0	0	0	f	cld	19	3	20	7	58	358	0	0	L.H. Princen	
Quincy	QUIN	12/15/2007	20	27	ne	10	15	3	pf	cld	9	19	26	6	32	342	0	0	Ken Heinze	L
Schuy - Rush	RUSH	12/29/2007	24	40	unk	0	0	0	o	clr	5	7	10	5	8	8	1	0.5	Harold Hedden	
Springfield	SPFD	1/3/2008	4	29	s	11	32	0.5	f	clr	12	7	14	9	51.5	352	3	44	H. David Bohlen	
Western Mercer Co.	WMER	12/21/2007	36	39	se	0	5	0	f	fog	6	0	0	4	32.25	235.5	4.25	40	Kelly J. McKay	
Arklands	ARKL	12/27/2007	38	44	clm	0	0	0	un	pcld	13	0	0	8	80	402.38	6.5	42	Joseph Merkelbach	
Baldwin Lake	BALK	12/15/2007	38	55	sw	5	15	0	o	pclr	9	2	4	5	31.25	197.35	2.25	39.1	Tim Dever	
Bird Haven Sanctuary	BIRD	12/15/2007	27	32	ne	5	10	1.5	pf	cld	10	1	2	6	56.75	340.75	0	0	Frank Storment	
Carlyle Lake	CALK	12/18/2007	18	34	sw	6	14	4	pf	pcld	20	0	0	10	87	633	0	0	Dan Kassebaum	
Collinsville	COLL	12/15/2007	28	32	nw	7	19	7	pf	cld	10	0	0	5	45	357	2	10	Frank Holmes	S
Crab Orchard N.W.R.	CROR	12/16/2007	28	33	nw	6	13	1	pf	pcld	10	1	3	5	49.25	366.65	5	35	Mike Brown	
Cypress Creek	CYCR	12/17/2007	27	42	clm	0	3	0	o	pcld	16	0	0	7	64.25	326.45	1	0.5	Jeff Hoover	O
Elsah	ELSA	1/1/2008	21	32	n	25	45	0	pf	pcld	13	1	1.5	4	12	92.75	0	0	Mary Jane Hoff	
Horseshoe Lake	HSLK	12/28/2007	36	48	s	1	3	0	o	cld	14	0	0	9	86.5	504.5	2.5	15	Vernon Kleen	U
Jackson Co.	JACK	1/1/2008	18	33	nw	12	24	0	pf	pclr	12	2	3.75	7	65	338.6	0	0	Rhonda S. Rothrock	
Marion Co.	MARI	12/22/2007	52	56	se	7	10	0	un	lfog	9	0	0	4	30.5	235.1	1	3	Joseph Merkelbach	T
Mermet Lake	MRLK	12/21/2007	26	59	unk	0	0	0	un	un	12	0	0	4	44	290	0	0	Frank Bennett	
Newton	NEWT	12/21/2007	38	49	e	0	5	0	pf	cld	17	0	0	7	56.5	298.5	3.5	26	Jeff Walk	H
Pere Marquette Park	PEMR	12/15/2007	31	47	sw	0	5	0	pf	clr	14	0	0	8	50	248.5	0	0	Robert Thomas	
Rend Lake	RDLK	12/30/2007	28	34	sw	10	10	0	pf	pcld	7	0	0	4	38	275.5	5.5	81	Keith A. McMullen	
Shelbyville Reservoir	SHEL	1/5/2008	37	50	s	5	15	0	po	cld	25	0	0	11	92.25	663.5	7.75	96.5	Travis Mahan	
Union Co.	UNION	12/29/2007	27	42	s	1	5	0	o	clr	24	0	0	15	111	554	4	16	Vernon Kleen	
Warbluff Valley	WRBV	12/22/2007	50	56	s	0	12	0	o	pcld	8	4	6	4	26.75	180	0	0	Andrea Douglas	
			24.28	34.56							1175	309	531	542	3630.5	22079.18	163.25	1082.1		
			Avg. Lo	Avg. Hi							Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total		

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Greater White-fronted Goose																
Snow Goose																
Cackling Goose							8			31			55 hc	6	1185 hc	2
Canada Goose	311	1628	2086	1285	2285	50	2745	1918	1298	21882	921	8	1936	3453	16804 hc	5760
Mute Swan	1 us hc	6	17		8				9						49	7
Trumpeter Swan	17 us hc					11										
Tundra Swan							6			cw					15 hc	
Wood Duck	1			6			2					2				
Gadwall			18	4		2	4		4			1		42	26	
American Wigeon									1							
American Black Duck		15	22	8		16			12	25				38	2	
Mallard	125	955	1601	669	82	292	1216	1024	1401	2349	59	21	336	103	1503	780
Northern Shoveler												43			21 hc	
Northern Pintail			3		cw			1	1							
Green-winged Teal				1	cw											
duck sp.																
Canvasback			10 hc			2	30					1			1	
Redhead	1		10		12 hc	2	7		3	us cw						
Ring-necked Duck	5		cw		2	1	12					1			2	3
Greater Scaup			255		3				42							
Lesser Scaup			255	3	13	3	44		5	2		4			2	3
scaup sp.			500						59							
Harlequin Duck					1											
Surf Scoter																
Black Scoter			1													
Long-tailed Duck			cw				1			1 us hc						
Bufflehead			15	2	46		6		7	3 hc		2			12	
Common Goldeneye	60	42	59	25	789	152	1147		511	229 hc		25	60 hc	7	97	42
Hooded Merganser	5 hc		9	4	10	6	3		27	11		2		5	154	5
Common Merganser	2		3	5	581	48	44		48	30 hc		32	22	435	64	cw
Red-breasted Merganser			115	2	2859 HC	1	1		756						2	
Ruddy Duck			2	2	2		6			4		3 us				
Gray Partridge																
Ring-necked Pheasant	2					6	15	58		32	29	3		4		8
Wild Turkey	18					148	64				29	132	13	240 hc		42
Northern Bobwhite	14 hc						2									cw
Red-throated Loon			us cw													
Common Loon					1				1							
Pied-billed Grebe			6	1	cw					1				3		2
American White Pelican						1										
Double-crested Cormorant			3				29					1 us		9	6	
Great Blue Heron	1	4	8	5	cw	2	59	8	4	25	1	1	28	3	5	7
Great Egret																1 us
Black-crowned Night-Heron			21	4					3							
Bald Eagle	422 HC	1	1			891	482		3	1	2	228	25	4		
Northern Harrier	8 hc	1	2		1	1	3	1	6	3		1		8		5
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2 hc	4 hc	1			3	3	1	3	2	3	2	2			5
Cooper's Hawk	3 hc	13 hc	13 hc	18	cw	12	9	9	26	37 HC		5	3	1	6	6
Northern Goshawk									1						1 us	
Accipiter sp.		3								1						
Red-shouldered Hawk			1			1			1				1			
Red-tailed Hawk	37	65	48	21	1	72	66	37	59	136 hc	41	94	62	16	71	57
Rough-legged Hawk	2		2	2		18	6	3	3	3	3	26	2	2	2	2
Golden Eagle						1										
Buteo sp.																
eagle sp.																
hawk sp.			1													
American Kestrel	12	3	19	3	4 hc	17	23	17	7	20	12	10	7	3	16	14
Merlin			us cw		1		1									cw
Peregrine Falcon			cw		2		2							1 hc		
Virginia Rail																
American Coot			64	3	51		7			1			1	4	4	13
Sandhill Crane								1	1							
Killdeer						4	2					1			1	
Ruddy Turnstone			1 NC													
Dunlin			cw													
Wilson's Snipe						1			1	2						
Bonaparte's Gull														20		
Ring-billed Gull	58	96	683	138	633	6	4022		306	49			48	54	79	19
Herring Gull		15	298	24	1126	25	1002		64	68			6	33	6	2
Thayer's Gull			2		4		4									
Iceland Gull					1											
Lesser Black-backed Gull					2				1							
Glaucous Gull			1				1									
Great Black-backed Gull			8 HC													
Black-legged Kittiwake																
gull sp.		13			77				2							
Rock Pigeon	382 hc	155	1034	2400	90	194	791	173	353	467	101	118	68	44	374	607
Ringed Turtle-Dove															95	
Eurasian Collared-Dove			24	4		3							19			
Mourning Dove	392	171	399	156		278	639	771	466	1540	291	268	90	18	836 hc	351
Monk Parakeet			106	7	2											
Eastern Screech-Owl	3	3		3		6	2	7	13	21	4	10	1		1	9
Great Horned Owl	1	4	2	2		12	7	5	13	20		2		1	4	7

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Snowy Owl																
Barred Owl	1					7	6	2				5				3
Long-eared Owl		cw		8		1				2		5			2 hc	4
Short-eared Owl					us cw					1						
Northern Saw-whet Owl				1	1 us				1							
owl sp.																
Belted Kingfisher	6	2	3	6		6	9	8	5	16		5	4	1	2	5
Red-headed Woodpecker	12		2			3	3			1	2	6	1	2	5	15
Red-bellied Woodpecker	61	57	17	33		80	70	45	81	197	26	81	69	13	24	70
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1			6		3	1	3		4	1	2	2 hc		1	1
Downy Woodpecker	50	64	78	79	7	59	98	91	146	361 hc	41	74	60	34	54	77
Hairy Woodpecker	16	11	11	33	1	14	10	9	51	84 hc	5	23	19	6	19 hc	19
Northern Flicker	9	3	2	2		29	6	8	4	39 hc	3	20	14	9	6	15
Pileated Woodpecker	5					3	4					9	2			2 hc
Eastern Phoebe																1 us
Northern Shrike	2 us hc	1	3	3	us cw			3	3	15 HC		6	1			
Blue Jay	109	54	50	15		205	173	88	32	166	82	226	92	14	17	157
American Crow	78	88	36	62	177 hc	235	403	96	160	166	176	429	180	74	45	239
Horned Lark	80				us cw	147	79	177		27	18	44	109 hc	95	13	45
Black-capped Chickadee	118	191	55	107	6	190	333	166	282	797	58	185	125	34	89	58
Tufted Titmouse	26					24	23	6		4	10	14	32	13	1	17
Red-breasted Nuthatch		19	17 hc	13		7	7	20	41	53	8	2		5	15	14 hc
White-breasted Nuthatch	82	44	34	33		77	99	67	86	158	25	98	66	13	34	50
Brown Creeper	11	6	8 hc	25		5	10	8	8	65	1	11	5	2	3	7
Carolina Wren	2		cw			4	9	3	1	4		11	9	3	7	10
Winter Wren						2	3	1	2	4		2	1			1
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1	2	1					cw	2	18		4	9			2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet										1 us						
Eastern Bluebird	45	16 hc	3 hc			97	9		17	60 hc	2	98	17			13 hc
Townsend's Solitaire										1 us						
Hermit Thrush		1	1	1		2	1		6	8		3	1			1
American Robin	18	106	54	110	77 hc	8	3	2	462	559		3			26	79
Gray Catbird				2												
Northern Mockingbird	2 hc							1 us								
Brown Thrasher																us cw
European Starling	1467	903	2743	2200	155	3122	3391	1421	2658	3543	607	369	1068	706	1935	5314
Cedar Waxwing	7	147	12	28	2	44	9		483	620		20	17 hc		75 hc	85
Orange-crowned Warbler										us cw						
Yellow-rumped Warbler		11		18		12			5	13		2	4			
Pine Warbler									1							
Eastern Towhee									1							1
American Tree Sparrow	238	937	466	161	118 hc	580	380	105	393	2531	25	87	646 hc	499	205	381
Chipping Sparrow																
Field Sparrow	7 us hc													2		2
Vesper Sparrow													1 us			
Savannah Sparrow					1 us		1							2		1 us
Fox Sparrow		14	1	2		2		3	2	14	2 hc		3 hc	4	3 hc	
Song Sparrow	33	22	10	3	1	21	68	13	20	118	6	26	31	4	5	30
Lincoln's Sparrow										1 us hc						
Swamp Sparrow		3	9	1	1	2	3	1	1	193 hc		3	4			8
White-throated Sparrow	24	172	18	44	3	3	44	9	52	274	4	10	103 hc	11	23	36
White-crowned Sparrow	1	63	15	1		1		5		24			20	9 hc	44 hc	13
Dark-eyed Junco	491	687	412	338	7	985	1260	645	517	1541	560	654	1084 hc	414	543	685
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco																
Lapland Longspur						60	1	cw				6	1	223		10
Snow Bunting			cw		42 hc	166	40	30	107		450 hc		361 hc	216		3
Northern Cardinal	226	245	123	159	18	274	493	155	261	1056 hc	190 hc	274	273	92	152	153
Red-winged Blackbird	21	190	25	2		842	793	3		58		25	1	2 lc		14
Eastern Meadowlark	6 us hc					4		2					3 hc			1
Rusty Blackbird						6	7			cw				4		
Brewer's Blackbird																
Common Grackle		1	18	1		11	318		5	1				976		99
Brown-headed Cowbird	2		149			52	62	1	2	1	1	5	1	780	47	180
blackbird sp.														11000		
Purple Finch	2	3				23	4	1	2	43	1	9	18 hc			
House Finch	81 hc	174	95	75	cw	46	111	158	118	511	71	90	32	30	58	155
Red Crossbill									3	1 us hc		1 us				
White-winged Crossbill								cw								
Common Redpoll		2	46	7	us cw	1		12	39	2 us			4 hc	5	4	
Pine Siskin	32	3	cw	5		3	19	35	47	98			1 hc	7	27	16 hc
American Goldfinch	45	212	215	171	10	67	206	224	387	804	69	139	72	43	145	146
Evening Grosbeak																
House Sparrow	793	1153	1814 hc	2100	76	820	999	807	946	871	1103	785	382	249	146	522
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	235 hc						17					1 us	6 hc	1 us hc		
TOTAL	6331	8804	14275	10662	9392	8347		8468	12961	42125	5043	4920	7739	20154	25221	16519
Number of Species	51	52	69	65	38	82	84	54	79	60	38	73	50	60	54	66

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Greater White-fronted Goose				3									
Snow Goose	2 hc		2										
Cackling Goose	1 lc	2	2			1	6				4	7	
Canada Goose	5172	9709	1591 lc	8841	1188	242	3683		1303	1278	1693	1819	315
Mute Swan		2	17	5						9		3	
Trumpeter Swan					1								
Tundra Swan													
Wood Duck		cw	6		1	1							
Gadwall		123	6	102	4	1						30	
American Wigeon												4	
American Black Duck	6	4	6	7	3		1			2	2	17	1
Mallard	364	1416	785	1313	280	161	750		86	123	510	845	9
Northern Shoveler		2	5										
Northern Pintail		22									1		
Green-winged Teal	1	7					3						
duck sp.							4						
Canvasback		5 hc	5		6	33							
Redhead		3	4									26	
Ring-necked Duck		46	78		3	1						2	
Greater Scaup						1						586	
Lesser Scaup	1		44	12	13	4					1	20	
scaup sp.													
Harlequin Duck													
Surf Scoter												2	
Black Scoter													
Long-tailed Duck					1								
Bufflehead		1	1		8	8						59	
Common Goldeneye	10	6	23	70	254	285			378		106	220	
Hooded Merganser			3	16								32	
Common Merganser	4	1 lc	64		605	7	cw		26		10	153	23
Red-breasted Merganser			3									595 hc	
Ruddy Duck		1	4		2					2 us		2	
Gray Partridge						1							
Ring-necked Pheasant	4 lc		9	6		14	68	16		4	8		
Wild Turkey	93		20	20	93	35	109	186			1		136
Northern Bobwhite						8							
Red-throated Loon												1	
Common Loon													
Pied-billed Grebe		1	1									1	
American White Pelican					2								
Double-crested Cormorant		cw		6	1				1			4	
Great Blue Heron	3	20	6	cw	10	3	14	1	5		3	3	
Great Egret													
Black-crowned Night-Heron													
Bald Eagle	8	2	1 us	1	429	113	4	6	33		40	2	9
Northern Harrier	2	1		14	2		5		1	8	2	4	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	5	14	3	2	2	4	2		cw	2	2	7 hc	
Cooper's Hawk	15 hc	21	8	2		3	17 hc	2	3	5	5	7	1
Northern Goshawk													
Accipiter sp.										1			
Red-shouldered Hawk							cw				1		
Red-tailed Hawk	123 hc	136 hc	63	62	49	28	91	71	18	54	33	59	18
Rough-legged Hawk	11	3	3	1	3	4	11	13	5	2	1	14	9
Golden Eagle													
Buteo sp.		2								3			
eagle sp.								1					
hawk sp.										1			
American Kestrel	14	8 lc	5	9	26	18	16	13	12	25	12	5	2
Merlin	2 hc											cw	
Peregrine Falcon					1							2 hc	
Virginia Rail												cw	
American Coot		15	36	13						1		8	
Sandhill Crane		cw	11				1 hc			1 us			
Killdeer		1				2							
Ruddy Turnstone													
Dunlin													
Wilson's Snipe							4						
Bonaparte's Gull		cw											
Ring-billed Gull	1lc	282	46	326	984	617	2		497	6	50	298	17
Herring Gull	7 lc	107	3	47	47	432	2		54		46	906	62
Thayer's Gull					1							3	
Iceland Gull									cw				
Lesser Black-backed Gull												2	
Glaucous Gull						1			cw				
Great Black-backed Gull												1	
Black-legged Kittiwake	1 us												
gull sp.		19											
Rock Pigeon	1058 hc	2537	435	147	71	269	668	44 lc	112	575	738	203	142
Ringed Turtle-Dove													
Eurasian Collared-Dove		2						10					
Mourning Dove	917 hc	884	571	193	928	450	1393	134	90	680	519	731	77
Monk Parakeet		10 hc											
Eastern Screech-Owl	3	23	4	1	5	4	5				4	7	cw
Great Horned Owl	5	10	8		9	9	6	1		3	14	9	cw

	KISH	LISL	MCHE	MOWI	MU IA	PC IA	ROCK	SCHA	SRSP	TCPF	VANP	WAUK	WTPN
Snowy Owl							1 hc						
Barred Owl	3			1	5	12	16 hc				3		cw
Long-eared Owl			1 us		3	2	1			6			
Short-eared Owl		1		9		1	1				1		
Northern Saw-whet Owl		1			1	1				5	1		
owl sp.							1						
Belted Kingfisher	6	10	7	3	5	2	6	4	1		1	1	4
Red-headed Woodpecker	1 lc				5	13	11	5	5	1			1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	127	124	70	32	69	68	153	46	26	28	34	92	38
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1		1		1			1			1	2	
Downy Woodpecker	175	207	100	54	72	60	217	51	26	48	48	172	48
Hairy Woodpecker	24	58	13	6	32	14	53	15	2	8	7	65 hc	10
Northern Flicker	21	19	10	7	16	7	29	5	3	9	9	6	4
Pileated Woodpecker					10	8	2	2	2				
Eastern Phoebe													
Northern Shrike	4	4	6	1		3	7 hc	cw	2	3	1	7	
Blue Jay	221	147	115	24	135	161	286	209	22	66	145	61	79
American Crow	1363	77	256	28	94	114	1430	327	54	163	565	72	289
Horned Lark	1274 hc		16	10	3	145	54 lc	17 lc	785 hc	11	288		84
Black-capped Chickadee	341	402	349	56	158	162	404	65 lc	44	106	67	400	142
Tufted Titmouse	53	2 lc	1 us	1	35	17	42	30	16	6	3		35
Red-breasted Nuthatch	32	39	27	2	5	3	17	4		15	2	91 hc	6
White-breasted Nuthatch	134	145	83	19	61	98	180	38	24	38	37	103	54
Brown Creeper	34	10 lc	4	11	9	10	46		3	3	6	7	
Carolina Wren		14		2	14	4	3 hc		1	5	3	3	2
Winter Wren	2	4	1		2	2	1		2			1	cw
Golden-crowned Kinglet		10	4	4	2							6	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				1						3			
Eastern Bluebird	8	82	25	2	38	22	9	39			7	8	8
Townsend's Solitaire													
Hermit Thrush		2			1							5	cw
American Robin	17 lc	466	69	30	7	3	12	cw		17	169	1167	4
Gray Catbird						1							
Northern Mockingbird									1				
Brown Thrasher										1			
European Starling	10095	6115	704	778	2720	1090	2463	340 lc	1336	1918	2316	4454	170
Cedar Waxwing	119	685	140	11	8	25	264 hc		2	1	6	202	7
Orange-crowned Warbler													
Yellow-rumped Warbler	5	24	2				4					12	cw
Pine Warbler													
Eastern Towhee													
American Tree Sparrow	802	1138	250	719	297	770	1680	10 lc	156	675	394	321	255
Chipping Sparrow										2 us		1 us	
Field Sparrow													
Vesper Sparrow													
Savannah Sparrow		3 us hc					5 hc						1 us
Fox Sparrow	3	17	1	1	1		3	2	1		1	2	2
Song Sparrow	26	68	13	3	17	19	32	5	8	22	12		4
Lincoln's Sparrow		1 us				1							
Swamp Sparrow	1	29	3		1	6	15		1	2			1
White-throated Sparrow	25	143	28	4	16	4	18		21	6	7	9	6
White-crowned Sparrow		3	6	11	2	1	1		5	12	1	cw	5
Dark-eyed Junco	1015	1029	535	377	298	573	2170	434	436	416	371	677	437 hc
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco	5						4			1 us			
Lapland Longspur	17	2			62	3			4		29		12 hc
Snow Bunting	57	19			26	51	11	1	256		17	33	70 hc
Northern Cardinal	547 hc	483	263	36	224	221	769 hc	145	97	183	158	440 hc	136
Red-winged Blackbird	12	20		1	31	52	13		41			66	
Eastern Meadowlark				1		1			cw				
Rusty Blackbird					9				1	14			
Brewer's Blackbird							2 us hc						
Common Grackle	5		1	10	1	1	2		1830				
Brown-headed Cowbird	16			14	6	7	2	cw	437		2		8
blackbird sp.							4						
Purple Finch	7	10	6		13	4	17	8	1	9	28		17
House Finch	484	117	155	8	81	68	545	83	31	104	55	213	116 hc
Red Crossbill												14 hc	
White-winged Crossbill	1 us												
Common Redpoll	2	3	us cw	2			8	1	1	191 hc		10	1 us
Pine Siskin	22	192		18		1	4	cw	24	5	2	85	8
American Goldfinch	295	372	255	45	133	91	627 hc	117	82	271	51	571	58
Evening Grosbeak			1 us										
House Sparrow	1355	1022	475	90	651	807	1091	458	577	649	451	928	705
Eurasian Tree Sparrow					269	12	cw						
TOTAL	26590	28767	7880	13651	10681	7505	19601	2960	8991	7808	9108	17006	3648
Number of Species	54	71	69	64	78	79	62	36	55	54	65	68	44

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Greater White-fronted Goose				3115		150		64		27						177 hc	6
Snow Goose	2			2707	1					5	30		1			3000 hc	
Ross's Goose																cw	
Cackling Goose	1720 hc	31	6	47	7	45	80		112	740 hc		2	25			100	
Canada Goose	4945 hc	520	2205 hc	6902	2389	1305	976	1153	2442	12530 hc	222	1141	480	1647	761	4728	1736
Mute Swan				21			cw									14	
Trumpeter Swan	1			6	1												
Tundra Swan				99 HC					5								
Wood Duck				8					42		4			2		9	
Mandarin Duck	1 us																
Gadwall	6			138	35	105	1	44		38		80	35			141	6
American Wigeon						45				5 us		4	2			1	
American Black Duck	11		1	16	11	41	4	2	10	14 hc		3	5			24	1
Mallard	1544	1	408	8618	3268	1022	333	5451	780	6800 hc	11	263	493	371		1637	539
Northern Shoveler	1			20	2			5		cw			2			21	11 hc
Northern Pintail	1			14		2	2	1	1			1				1	
American Green-winged Teal	2					6	4						9 hc				
duck sp.														450			
Canvasback	2	1 us		41	1				7			28	9			34	
Redhead												1	1	1		2	
Ring-necked Duck	10		cw			12	cw	12		6		22		2		45	8
Greater Scaup	2								2							4	
Lesser Scaup	7			1	41	1	19	2	10	2		8		1		15	2
scaup sp.									12								
Long-tailed Duck	1 us																
Bufflehead	2			5			2	2	2	cw			8			29	
Common Goldeneye	26			36	86	212	12	8	790	36		20	465	2		252	30
Hooded Merganser	2			106	17	3	3	6	38	15			5	1		167 hc	
Common Merganser	32		4	117	426	12	1		4	1		10	260			22	3
Red-breasted Merganser	13					1	cw		2				2				
Ruddy Duck	4			69		10	cw	2	1	3		20	4			88	
Ring-necked Pheasant	1 lc		67	3 lc		4		11	17	16						1	2
Wild Turkey	32		1	2 lc	cw	56	7	12		cw	47	52 hc	35	3	21	1	15
Northern Bobwhite		2		2 lc			31	2		cw		31		1	8		36
Common Loon				1 hc												cw	
Pied-billed Grebe				13			6		1	cw		1				39	
Horned Grebe							3		1	1						1	
Red-necked Grebe																cw	
American White Pelican				1									2 us				
Double-crested Cormorant				21			cw				8 us		1				
Great Blue Heron	4	1	4	47	38	9	7	20 us	11	cw	2	9	45	2	1	52	2
Great Egret								2 us				1 us hc					
Turkey Vulture							1									21 hc	
Bald Eagle	2	1		28	54	1	2	24	cw	4		80	31	36		4	68
Northern Harrier	1	4	5	13	9	3	5	14	4	13 hc	5	7	1	3		3	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	2	3	2	5		1	2	2	1	1	4				1	
Cooper's Hawk	2	1	8	6	5	5 hc	2	5	1	4	3	6 hc	6	3	1	10	2
Northern Goshawk												1					
Accipiter sp.									4								
Red-shouldered Hawk					1	1	2			2							
Red-tailed Hawk	13	11	18	37	85	12	15	20	12	34	23	20	32	12	2	46	21
Rough-legged Hawk	2	3	1	4	12			2	1	6	1	5		1		2	1
Golden Eagle																	
American Kestrel	13	6 lc	7	18	30	5	3	8	4		14	16	15	20	3	14	14
Merlin								1									
Peregrine Falcon													1				
American Coot	18			145		43	26	1	14	120		70 hc	401			70	
Killdeer	1	cw		1			4	3						1			
Wilson's Snipe		cw	1														
Little Gull																us cw	
Bonaparte's Gull				1		35	46		1			1				2	
Ring-billed Gull	9		2	519	804	478	87	12	2680	5	107	38	8181	1201		4500	
Herring Gull				1	19		cw		85			14	178	1		40	2
Thayer's Gull									1							cw	
Iceland Gull																cw	
Lesser Black-backed Gull																cw	
Glaucous Gull																1	
Great Black-backed Gull												1 us hc					
Rock Pigeon	522	72	319	56	214	31	39	17	213	52	453	14	991	67	38	2446 hc	98 hc
Eurasian Collared-Dove				35 hc		2	us cw	3	1			6 hc		3		2	2
Mourning Dove	243	734	822	133	271	99	288	135	445	155	248	216	330	233	70	636	341
Eastern Screech-Owl	1	cw	1	3				1				3				3	3
Great Horned Owl	1	1	2		2		1	1		13	2	1	cw			2	10
Barred Owl	2	1		5	1	4	1	1	4	6	1	3	4	1	2	5	14
Long-eared Owl			1								4						1
Short-eared Owl										3	3	1					
Northern Saw-whet Owl			1			1											1 hc
Belted Kingfisher	7		5	8	5	1	5	1	2	3	2	3	8	2		5	5
Red-headed Woodpecker	17	9		8	10		8	3		50 hc	41	2	6	6	6	7	5
Red-bellied Woodpecker	47	30 lc	45	93 hc	162	23	45	40	29	65	56	79	43	41	20	87	47
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3			1	1		cw			1		3	4	2		7	2
Downy Woodpecker	40	19 lc	50	81	123	19	37	21	32	54	43	43	67	45	17	46	72
Hairy Woodpecker	4	cw	8	10	21	4	6	4	2	7		6	9	9		13	22
Northern Flicker	7	7	13	26	18	5	6	15	4	17	11	39	14	22	2	22	23
Pileated Woodpecker		1 hc	3	10	13	1	2	2	1	1	18	13	8	2		4	15 hc
woodpecker sp.										10							
Eastern Phoebe							cw	1 us									
Loggerhead Shrike							1										1 us
Northern Shrike	1 us									3 hc	1						1 us hc
Blue Jay	119	136	67	357	231	58	83	91	58	158 hc	308	373 hc	125	128	52	148	142
American Crow	1450	42 lc	1857 hc	236	231	35	104	30	170	242	9126	91	372	196	12	3253	64
Horned Lark	349	1058 hc	9	28	107	458	145	405	67	91	191	498	55	531		29	4
Carolina Chickadee			21				64				76						
Black-capped Chickadee	108	27	16	86	285	53		39	44	122		109	149	111	40	105	233
Tufted Titmouse	46	4 lc	6	60	99	3	45	21	46	38	75	56	38	45	30	70	37
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4		17	26	2	3	8	2	18	2	7	8	5	11		16	4
White-breasted Nuthatch	55	6 lc	20	37	143	11	43	26	20	48	66	71	43	45	10	77	88
Brown Creeper	2		2	9	15	7		1	1	cw		9	4			10	3

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Carolina Wren	6	2	34	21	11	1 lc	10	9	4	3	13	35	10	13	1	42	14 hc
Winter Wren				1								1	1	1		1	1
Golden-crowned Kinglet			1	19	1	6	2	3		5		2	1			15	1
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				2		2					5	1					1 us
Eastern Bluebird	5	2 lc	8	50	66	1	cw	11		32	10	87	20	17	5	6	41
Hermit Thrush			2								1	2				1	8 hc
American Robin	6		36	137	9		12	5	4	cw	19	30	1	5		28	142
Northern Mockingbird		1		5	3		2	6	3	3		3	1			3	
Brown Thrasher							cw										
European Starling	568	379 lc	2272	793	4091	887	770	331	895	876	1828	533	2577	364	95	8786	2090
American Pipit			18														
Cedar Waxwing	8	6	93	123	7	185 hc	1		20	1		10	48	56	7	cw	25
Orange-crowned Warbler						1 us hc										1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler			5								2	3				3	6 hc
Spotted Towhee	1																
Eastern Towhee	1 us		2				1		5	1 us	7					2	
American Tree Sparrow	762	628 hc	213	894	491	440	273	727	86	1008 hc	128	959	376	97	8	417	362
Chipping Sparrow			cw							1 us							
Field Sparrow			6				cw		1							2	4 us
Vesper Sparrow	1 us																
Savannah Sparrow			2													cw	
Fox Sparrow	1		18 hc	1	2	1	1		1			5	4			2	2
Song Sparrow	14	30	97	54	26	4	24	47	18	20	14	109	84	9	3	27	24
Swamp Sparrow	17		6	3	5	2		2	8	1	4	2	1	1		3	8
White-throated Sparrow	26	22 hc	114	37	29	22	38	6	36	30 hc	54	76	25	39	5	98	7
White-crowned Sparrow		14	78	5		1	3	1	10	3		25	28	3	4	4	14
Dark-eyed Junco	348	588	533	504	723	569	394	517	283	459	473	697	569	685	95	542	441
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco		2														2	
Lapland Longspur	31	124	447			823		121	35	3		28	4	76		cw	4
Chestnut-collared Longspur								1 us									
Snow Bunting	106	486 hc	4		25			1		72		4 hc		5			1
Northern Cardinal	119	246 hc	396	142	290	209	151	192	118	129	230	396	276	304	78	244	279
Rose-breasted Grosbeak														1 us			
Red-winged Blackbird	14		1	127	318	51		23		29	46	146	79			1000	2
Eastern Meadowlark				1		1	11	5		9	20	10		1			1 us
Rusty Blackbird			1			1		7		cw	5	6	1			5	2
Common Grackle		1	2	12	3	2	1	40	15		5	1	2		32	26	
Brown-headed Cowbird		5	16		13	95	cw	40	cw	8	19			13	1	350	
blackbird sp.									2								
Purple Finch	37 hc		7	11	10	1	4	3	8	13	6	18	16	3	11	2	145 hc
House Finch	35	12	180	82 hc	87	45	45	1	57	43	44	3	107	128	19	103	30
Red Crossbill				18							6						
Common Redpoll										5 us							
Pine Siskin			6			166	2		1	1	10		11	3		1	1
American Goldfinch	63	112	155	110	250	169	218	46	129	143	93	246	201	170	60	130	45
House Sparrow	832	942	522	444	870	219	170	326	170	409	278	294	796	383	68	1033	212
Eurasian Tree Sparrow		257		640				208		8		144	4	32	18	13	314
TOTAL	14463	6590	11302	28495	16631	8346	4749	10430	10166	24884	14530	7483	18253	7670	1606	35204	7973
Number of Species	69	33	65	79	66	69	69	73	74	60	58	77	73	63	36	88	64

	ARKL	BALK	BIRD	CALK	COLL	CROR	CYCR	ELSA	HSLK	JACK	MARI	MRLK	NEWT	PEMR	RDLK	SHEL	UNION	WRBV
Greater White-fronted Goose	1724	287	us cw	794 hc	1	227	780		6600	165	296	20	1	290	330	238	8500	
Snow Goose	66766	17864	1	10135	78	10161 hc	21413	465	50000 hc	2290	2700	1075	1	12417	70300	62	45000 hc	80
Ross's Goose	14	cw		4			3		27		1	2		1	9		18	
Cackling Goose	52	47	15	95 hc		30			63	94 hc	4	8	3		85	291	33	
Canada Goose	1023	1991	746	1251	527	8127	1021		5200	1089	447	351	1239	3276	124	6609	3300	575
Mute Swan					4												4	
Trumpeter Swan										3 us hc						1	27 HC	
Wood Duck	1	6		cw	cw	27	10		8 lc	4		1		3	5		107	
Gadwall	360	86	11	102	255	354	1202		937	86	20	250	85	6018	464 hc	10	2700 hc	
American Wigeon	40	20	cw	32	10	15	267		300	8		15	49 hc	400	110	2	500	
American Black Duck	9	3	1	37		13	143		59			5	19	5	152	6	49	
Mallard	5459	1001	135	8762	367	4444	14384	6	10000	135	88	794	1020	15661	5376	159	10000	28
Blue-winged Teal						3												
Northern Shoveler	38	2	11	215	61	188	778		132	1	179		cw	116	11	3	319	
Northern Pintail	20	33	11	23	cw	800	1258		384			1	15	3345	85	1	73	
American Green-winged Teal	79	12	7 hc	24		639 hc	740		24	1		16	414 hc	120	352 hc	3	114	13
duck sp.			12															
Canvasback		1	17	170	22	15	4		11	1		37	85	37	85	4	1200	1 us
Redhead	1		5	6		19			4			4			25 hc	1	6	
Ring-necked Duck	1531	34	38	700	6	47	427		1500 hc	13 hc	9	41	15		17		9000 hc	
Greater Scaup				12 hc	1								1	1	6 hc			
Lesser Scaup	13	4	65	125	41	46	37		16	3	3	87	101		65		103	
scaup sp.			1											17				
Black Scoter			1 us															
Long-tailed Duck				1														
Bufflehead	10	20	6	10	14	119	6			1	2	5	51	3	19	2	11 hc	
Common Goldeneye	7	5	7	722	18	24		4		4	1		70	186	1571	313		
goldeneye sp.			1															
Hooded Merganser	87	12	2	70	10	132	1		2	147 hc	3	1	93	4	62	5	82 hc	
Common Merganser				32		7	7		5				3	1	6	20		
Red-breasted Merganser		7		4	1	1									18			
merganser sp.																1		
Ruddy Duck	2		72 hc	22	245	36	2			53	9	100		10	375 hc		470 hc	1 us
Ring-necked Pheasant	1			25 hc									2		9	18		
Greater Prairie-Chicken													45					
Wild Turkey	45	150	76 hc	73 hc	41	2	184		62	1	20	6	16	131	68	6	5	19
Northern Bobwhite	12	2	51	25					9			2	21	7	5		5	
Common Loon					cw										1			
Pied-billed Grebe	42	20	31		4	132 HC	1		5	30 hc		11	16		8	4	8	
Horned Grebe		121	11 hc	1	cw	18					2		1		18			
Eared Grebe						2									1			
American White Pelican					2									80	1 hc		1 us	
Double-crested Cormorant			1	16	cw								1	7	31			
Great Blue Heron	48	20	24	118	14	28	10	7	32	12	9	21	17	43	36	22	44	1
Black Vulture							44		9	6		97					7	15
Turkey Vulture	33		17	19	1	13	131		98	7	16	66	10	1			17	63
Bald Eagle	1		1	11	2	19	6	24	47	6		13	1	145	7	3	47	6
Northern Harrier	97	8	4	35	2		85		26	4	1	5	36	7	2	16	44	9
Sharp-shinned Hawk	6	1	7hc	7 hc	3	3	4		5	7 hc	2	4	1	2	1	7	5	1
Cooper's Hawk	21	2	7	7	7	2			6	6	1		4	2	6	10	7 hc	
Northern Goshawk					cw													
Accipiter sp.			3											1				1
Red-shouldered Hawk	11	4	1	1	2	4	27		26	6	6	23	2	5	6	2	47 HC	12
Red-tailed Hawk	96	32	28	69	17	30	86	10	41	16	31	32	17	54	29	58	88 hc	23
Harlan's Hawk														1				
Krider's Hawk														1				
Rough-legged Hawk	4		cw	8 hc			1							1		3	2	
Buteo sp.			3											1				
hawk sp.			6															
American Kestrel	61	40	34	76	12	18	70		53	29	32	52	31	18	26	41	62	22
Merlin	1																	
Peregrine Falcon			1 us															
falcon sp.			2															
American Coot	525	151	975	65	166	48	17		12	360	5	300	1	32	44	191	72	
Killdeer	1	cw	46	6	5	6	118		85	5	1	44		2	11		47	
Least Sandpiper		cw		1										6				
Wilson's Snipe	1			cw	1 us	4	2		2	1		1		1			3	
American Woodcock							3					1						
Bonaparte's Gull		12	7 hc	55	110	3024							140	1	9500 HC	1	8	
Ring-billed Gull	31	538	50 hc	5062	3620	6928	113	249	12	187	134	64	400	1035	23200 hc	1972	258	20
Herring Gull				374 hc	15	3				1		1	1	8	30	6		
Thayer's Gull				2hc	cw													
Lesser Black-backed Gull				5 hc	cw													
Slaty-backed Gull				1 NC														
Glaucous-winged Gull				1 NC														
gull sp.			2															
Pomarine Jaeger					1 us													
Rock Pigeon	120	43	31	99	285	8	31	5	80	211	96	52	592 hc	90	30	53	100	6
Eurasian Collared-Dove	14			14		2	7		10	8		51	84 hc	2	2	30	26 hc	
Mourning Dove	336	128	707	1439 hc	285	143	218	3	570	175	139	83	401	61	190	647	617	52
Barn Owl				3 hc													1	
Eastern Screech-Owl	17	1		5		4	2		7	4		2	4		4	4	24	
Great Horned Owl	11	5	3	13		3	4		4	8		4	3	1	7	4	18	
Barred Owl	10	3	2	11	1	3	11		11	14	1	6			3	6	10	5
Long-eared Owl	5			2		1				1			2 hc			4		
Short-eared Owl	74 HC	2		4			10			3 hc		1	5 lc		1	1	4	
Northern Saw-whet Owl				2		1 us									2 hc	2		
owl sp.			2															
Rufous Hummingbird						1 us												
Belted Kingfisher	3	4	2	4	4	1	2		5	7	3	7	2	5	4	8	9	2
Red-headed Woodpecker	28	11	7	16	4	33	40	8	133	59	10	38	18	4	17	11	256	7
Red-bellied Woodpecker	91	37	44	128	23	65	86	28	162	65	50	86	53	72	38	114	234	24

	ARKL	BALK	BIRD	CALK	COLL	CROR	CYCR	ELSA	HSLK	JACK	MARI	MRLK	NEWT	PEMR	RDLK	SHEL	UNION	WRBV
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	6	2		6 hc	2	11	11		29	10	1	5	1			1	47	1
Downy Woodpecker	81	28	49	66	17	33	63	22	133	43	38	43	46	52	29	109	194	13
Hairy Woodpecker	48	7	10	14	1	6	15	2	43	13	11	16	13	9	7	22	62	1
Northern Flicker	46				14	16	84	4	187		12			28			137	
Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker		20	8	63						81		84	41		8	63		28
Pileated Woodpecker	18	10	4	2	1	10	21	1	31	10	1	23	2	23	4	1	125	12
woodpecker sp.			6															
Eastern Phoebe	1						1					1	1				9	
Loggerhead Shrike	14	1	1	2		1	1				1	4	7			1 us		
Northern Shrike																	1 us	
Blue Jay	563	39	200	375	60	233	355	57	313	296	210	264	298 hc	156	120	470	495	140
American Crow	226	21	55	243	233	247	77	96	90	101	714	80	56	186	79	325	187	44
Horned Lark	189	40	654	2767 hc	245	52	90		400	63	42	100	246	198	65	662	273	
Tree Swallow						1 us												
Carolina Chickadee	242	148	94	180	45	119	217		322	201	147	208	102		81		529	62
Black-capped Chickadee								48						101		263		
Tufted Titmouse	177	116	53	140	21	57	164	61	289	146	96	146	133 hc	66	61	153	383	41
Red-breasted Nuthatch	4		10	8	3	8	5		9	14	1	1	1		3	4	9	2
White-breasted Nuthatch	95	21	26	61	6	25	61	26	94	68	41	74	46	48	30	146	240	24
Brown Creeper	9	4	1	12	2	3	10	1	51	26	4	22	12	6	11	14	42	1
Carolina Wren	95	24	18	102	26	52	137	11	250	56	73	61	88 hc	79	43	42	232	22
House Wren							1			1		1						
Winter Wren	5			cw	1	2	27		31	5		11	1	2	4		24	
Marsh Wren	2																1	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	24	4		29	1	20	37	2	68	50	6	22	8	6	18	3	41	5
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	4		1		1	2	2		29	3		5			2		18	
Eastern Bluebird	157	7	45	54	2	79	90	1	245	102	21	192	6	46	28	17	237	49
Hermit Thrush	14			2		5	4		14	3		5	1	1	2		27	
American Robin	35	5	33	6	22	20	32	4	70	92	7	21	13	21	5	11	18 lc	26
Gray Catbird											1						1	
Northern Mockingbird	9	3	11	7	4	20	19	2	7 lc	11	5	37	6	2	2	2	17	10
Brown Thrasher	2		1	2		2	7		13	2		9	1		1	1	14	1
European Starling	5536	813	3997	6016	33910	1653	7644	125	22500	4169	369	3778	7306	3794	832	2946	1600	262
American Pipit	20	1	11 us	10			202 HC		1	1		3	45				120 hc	
Cedar Waxwing	68	1	131	104	12	16	29			29	17	33	9			152	3 lc	10
Yellow-rumped Warbler	36					5			2 lc				6				6 lc	7
Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler		4	1	18			6			28		5				7		
Pine Warbler	1					1 us				1								
Common Yellowthroat														4				
Spotted Towhee												1						
Eastern Towhee	10		1	22 hc	1 us	29	30	1 us	31	14	14	43	22	1	9	5	36	7
American Tree Sparrow	1215	101	79	812 hc	79	58	313	15	120	18	92	71	817 hc	210	110	668	257	8
Field Sparrow	17	6	3	7		22	79		107	12	5	116	10		2	3	157	28
Savannah Sparrow	55	2	2	75 hc	22 hc	1	31		42	4	2	1	16	4	21		39	
Le Conte's Sparrow	4						5		5								2	
Fox Sparrow	8	4	2	22 hc	2	18	31		49	37	3	9	10	5	4	8	89 hc	4
Song Sparrow	293	15	68	280	31	45	277	4	268	48	45	124	65	94	91	79	731	20
Lincoln's Sparrow									1			2						
Swamp Sparrow	76	10		158		7	213		70	35	3	64	12	12	81	24	272	2
White-throated Sparrow	271	54	73	199	130	434	264		916	297	152	447	125	84	193	135	1118 hc	89
Harris's Sparrow				1 hc														
White-crowned Sparrow	97	32	21	149	3	8	127		51	65	34	133	15	23	8	7	70	6
Dark-eyed Junco	742	165	457	1295 hc	215	1012	530	236	796	674	380	541	350	362	87	870	823	407
Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco																1		
Lapland Longspur	6		290	90		2	7		187	1	20	2	323	1	1	795	11	
Snow Bunting	1			4 hc			1 hc											
Northern Cardinal	416	192	402	579	150	239	423	174	709	322	315	335	304	437	125	498	622	142
Indigo Bunting																	1	
Red-winged Blackbird	30196	801	5	156	10036	10102	9063	150	22000	10103	259	28184	89	4686	315580	17	3400	255
Eastern Meadowlark	327	20	82	237 hc	16	44	296		115	16	3	98	155		8	3	3 lc	20
Western Meadowlark	1											1		2				
Rusty Blackbird	15			10	cw	187	41		102	88		845		10	200	2	31	
Brewer's Blackbird	16			1						2 us hc		2						
Common Grackle	9351	356	25	39	3636	17754	1523	67	691	7639	19	3881	531 hc	1424	412203	3	2200	5571
Great-tailed Grackle														1 us				
Brown-headed Cowbird	744	4	14	72	74	374	53	15	793	33	31	485	109	404	571	19	21	110
blackbird sp.	15000		3	45	3116		1160						4000 hc	2060		1		4200
Purple Finch	14		1	6		4	2		46 hc	22		5	7		2	1	38	12
House Finch	23	56	39	53	19	12	25	9	6 lc	27	34	25	52 hc	12	11	148	76	31
Common Redpoll				1 hc														
Pine Siskin	3	2		8		2	1			cw		1	5 hc				7	3
American Goldfinch	290	116	111	154	76	65	132	49	163	108	92	160	209	140	42	1058	272	98
House Sparrow	171	108	773	3112	201	6	53	237	122	267	60	134	233	311	66	693	323	13
Eurasian Tree Sparrow					7			3						93				
TOTAL	146071	26208	11242	49027	58731	69147	67888	2355	129395	30794	7702	44850	21146	71359	843840	21447	99383	12773
Number of Species	106	82	87	89	78	96	98	40	86	88	74	102	83	93	91	91	87	63

Field Notes

The 2007-2008 Winter Season

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Field Notes drawing of Snow Buntings by Denis Kania.

The winter of 2007-2008 showed extreme temperature fluctuations and near-record precipitation. An impressive total of 23 substantial winter storms swept across all or a portion of Illinois during the season, variably bringing rain, ice, sleet, snow, and/or hail.

The season began in earnest on 1 December with a wintery mix of rain, freezing rain, sleet, and snow over the northern third of the state, and with rain and freezing rain over the southern two thirds. A couple days later, 1-3 inches of snow fell across the northern half of Illinois while the southern half received yet more rain. A heavier storm hit the state on 6 December and dropped 3-6 inches of snow across the north, a mix of light snow and rain in the central region, and rain across the south. A very slow-moving winter storm crawled across Illinois over four days (8-11 December), producing moderate amounts of rain and freezing rain statewide. Then, on 15 December, another storm dropped 2-8 inches of snow across the northern third of the state, and rain and freezing rain elsewhere. On 20 December there was light to moderate rain all across Illinois. The steady progression of storms continued on 22-23 December with a very powerful storm driven by 20-30 mph winds. This resulted in severe wind chills and freezing rain and light snow over the north and rain and freezing rain through the central and southern regions. Another strong, storm pounded the state on 27-28 December, dropping light to moderate rain over the entire state, changing over to heavy snow (5-10 inches) in the northern region. December went out like a lion with winds gusting from 30-50 mph statewide on 31 December, dropping yet 4-8 more inches of snow across the northern tier and 1-2 inches of snow across the central portion.

Temperatures in January fluctuated wildly and frequently. A fairly unusual storm ravaged Illinois on 7-8 January, with several severe thunderstorms producing moderate amounts of rainfall statewide, in addition to widespread occurrences of hail and tornadoes. Light to moderate rain occurred on 10 January. Following a week of calm weather, another storm on 17 January left 1-2 inches of snow through the north and a mix of snow and heavy ice across the central portion of the state, coupled with high winds and extreme wind chills. On 21 January, another potent storm with severe wind-chills hit, dropping 3-6 inches of snow across the north and 1-3 inches of snow throughout the southern two thirds of Illinois. After a week of calm weather, most of the state suffered extreme wind-chills (but only light snowfall) on 29 January. The last day of the month produced 4-8 inches of snow in the northern third, 8-12 inches of snow over the central third, and half an inch of rain across the southern third.

February temperatures averaged below normal, but continued to fluctuate greatly. Winds at 30-40 mph battered Illinois on 10 February, resulting in wind chills of –30 to –40 degrees F. Two closely spaced storms moved across the state on 3-4 and 5-6 February. The first dropped 3-6 inches of snow in the north, light snow and freezing rain in the central, and moderate to heavy rain (1-3 inches) in the southern portions of the state. The second storm began with light to heavy rain statewide, but plummeting temperatures led to 8-16 inches of snow in the north, 2-6 inches of snow across the central belt, and light to moderate rain in the south. After a week of calm weather, there was a steady procession of storms. On 12 February, 1-4 inches of snow fell across the northern two-thirds of the state, while the south received light amounts of freezing rain. Moderate to heavy rain and, in the north, light snow moved across Illinois on 17 February. Two days later, the north received another 1-2 inches of snow, and severe wind chills occurred statewide. On 21 February, light snow fell across the northern half of Illinois, along with light freezing rain through the southern half. Yet another storm on 25-26 February, left 3-6 inches of snow in the northern half and lighter amounts of snow and freezing rain in the southern half of the state. The final storm of this notably stormy winter occurred on 28 February, and produced another 1-3 inches of snow across the northern half of Illinois.

The 2007-2008 season showed high avian diversity, with 185 species reported. This number includes a good variety of lingering fall migrants and species of scarce to accidental occurrence in winter in Illinois. Early spring migrants were little reported.

Most species groups declined in numbers compared to the preceding winter. Notable exceptions were shorebirds and finches. A few groups showed a mix of declines and increases (e.g., diurnal raptors, mimids, sparrows, and blackbirds). Upland gamebirds occurred in fairly typical numbers.

Waterfowl to Herons

The vast majority of waterfowl species were less abundant this winter. Populations among geese were lower overall, particularly for Greater White-fronted and Canada Geese. Snow Geese were slightly more numerous overall, but there was a noticeable reduction in numbers at traditional southern and central concentration sites. Mute and Tundra Swan populations were also somewhat down, while Trumpeter Swans occurred in numbers similar to last winter.

Dabbling ducks declined in abundance. None of the dabbling duck species occurred in noteworthy concentrations. Similarly, diving ducks were less numerous, with no major concentrations reported other than 15,000 Common Mergansers in La Salle County in January. Two **Harlequin Ducks** at Chicago were the most unusual waterfowl species reported.

Upland gamebirds showed little change in numbers over last year. Ring-necked Pheasant was slightly more common, but continues to show low numbers statewide. A **Gray Partridge** in Rock Island County provided one of the few recent records of this species, now virtually extirpated in Illinois.

Three species of loons lingered into December, and several grebe species included a noteworthy concentration of **175 Horned Grebes** in late January.

Numbers of American White Pelicans and Double-crested Cormorants were low this season, and Great Blue Heron populations were reduced over last year. A concentration of **20 Black-crowned Night-Herons** in Madison County was notable.

Vultures to Jaegers

Black and Turkey Vulture appeared in fairly typical numbers this season. Noteworthy counts among other diurnal raptors included more than **1,000 Bald Eagles** along the upper Mississippi River, **17 Cooper's Hawks** at Rockford, and **123 Red-tailed Hawks** in north-central Illinois. Notable sightings included a Northern Goshawk in southern Illinois, single Golden Eagles at five sites in the northern half of the state, with wintering records for Merlin continuing to increase, including a strong winter showing of Merlins statewide. Most noteworthy were two species of falcons at mid-winter in southern Illinois, including a **Gyrfalcon** and three single **Prairie Falcons** in central and southern Illinois. Another Gyrfalcon reported from Madison County is pending IORC review.

A rare winter **Virginia Rail** was noteworthy. American Coot numbers were the lowest in a decade, and Sandhill Crane numbers were also weak. Whooping Cranes from the Wisconsin re-introduction project were located in Monroe and Kane Counties; this population is currently treated as unestablished and records are appended to the main species accounts.

An impressive total of **9 species of shorebirds** was recorded in Illinois during the 2007-2008 season. The only notable shorebird concentration this winter was **120 Killdeer** at Carlyle Lake on 15 December. Records of unusual winter-season species were confined to December, including **Least** and **Pectoral Sandpipers** and two single **Red Phalaropes** in northern and southern Illinois; **Dunlin** in the central and southern regions of the state; and singles of both **Ruddy Turnstone** and **Purple Sandpiper** along Lake Michigan.

Also impressive was a total of **14 species of gulls** reported this winter, although populations for most species were flat to low. The most notable gull concentration was **7,500 Bonaparte's Gulls** at Rend Lake. Now a very rare species in Illinois, a **Little Gull** was found in Springfield. Ring-billed and Herring Gulls both seem to be continuing a trend of decreasing numbers. Similarly, all of the scarcer gulls of regular occurrence (Thayer's, Iceland, Lesser Black-backed, Glaucous, and Great Black-backed) were reported in lower numbers than normal. Since most Kittiwake records in Illinois are of immatures on the larger lakes, an **adult Black-legged Kittiwake** in Winnebago County was noteworthy. Carlyle Lake hosted the most extraordinary gulls of the season, including **Mew, Slaty-backed,** and **Glaucous-winged Gulls,** the latter present nearly all winter. Two additional records from Carlyle Lake remain under IORC review (**Western** and **Slaty-backed Gulls**).

Pigeons to Kinglets

Records of pigeons and doves were fairly routine although the rapidly expanding Eurasian Collared-Doves showed some impressive concentrations. There was no evidence of expansion in the Monk Parakeet population.

Owl populations were about normal for most species this season, but with some increase for Long-eared Owl and good distribution for Northern Saw-whet Owl. Five Snowy Owls were reported. Woodpecker numbers showed decreases overall, and in particular Red-headed Woodpecker continues to experience declines, although a tally of 23 Pileated Woodpeckers was above-average.

Two **Rufous Hummingbirds** were captured and banded by a licensed hummingbird bander within a half mile of each other in December and January in southern Illinois, the latter said to have been present since October.

Eastern Phoebes were found in typical scarcity, and were restricted almost entirely to the southern region. Loggerhead Shrikes were reported in fairly normal numbers, but were more widespread through the central and southern sections of the state. Northern Shrikes staged a massive and widespread incursion across the northern half of the state, as well as in many central Illinois locations; one was documented in southern Illinois in Lawrence County and another was found on the Missouri side of the Union Co CBC in far southern Illinois. Look for a future Meadowlark article on the record number of this species found in the state this season.

American Crow numbers were low, save for the large, traditional Danville roost. Horned Larks showed major concentrations at Carlyle Lake and McDonough County but somewhat reduced numbers over most of the state. A

Northern Rough-winged Swallow lingering in Richland County provided Illinois's first December record for this species.

Numbers for most of the chickadees, titmice, nuthatches, creepers, wrens, and kinglets were somewhat reduced over last winter, and particularly so for Carolina Chickadee, Brown Creeper, and Carolina Wren. By contrast, Red-breasted Nuthatches showed wide distribution and good numbers.

Thrushes to Sparrows

Thrush populations were unimpressive this season, with no noteworthy concentrations, although the always rare **Varied Thrush** and **Townsend's Solitare** were located. A total of nine Gray Catbirds is among the highest ever recorded during the winter season and included three birds in nearby Chicago parks, while numbers for other mimids were weak. European Starling counts were also below those of most recent years.

American Pipits remained in strong numbers in southern Illinois well into December and even into early January. The wintering population of Cedar Waxwings was weak at best, with few reports after December.

Four species of warbler were reported this winter, including a photographed **Northern Waterthrush** lingering into early Dec. Yellow-rumped Warblers were in small numbers and went unreported over most of the state after December.

Eighteen species of sparrows were reported this season. Scarcer wintering species included a **Spotted Towhee** in far southern Illinois; **Chipping Sparrows** throughout the season at five sites; Vesper Sparrow at two central Illinois locations; a **Lincoln's Sparrow** in northwestern Illinois; and **Harris's Sparrows** at three locations. Numbers for most species were fairly typical, with healthy numbers among the hardiest species (American Tree Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, and Lapland Longspur) and the largest influx of Snow Buntings in over two decades. An impressive concentration of over 700 individuals of five species of sparrows was noted at the Union County Conservation Area on 29 December.

Blackbirds to Weaver Finches

No unexpected species of blackbirds were reported this season. Populations were mostly average to low, although a tally of **20 Western Meadowlarks** at Carlyle Lake in late February is among the highest of Illinois winter counts and a record high for southern Illinois. Rusty Blackbirds and Common Grackles showed some increase over last winter, while numbers for Red-winged Blackbirds and Eastern Meadowlarks were lower. All major concentrations of blackbirds were confined to southern Illinois.

Winter finches showed a noticeable influx this winter, with good numbers of Purple Finches and Pine Siskins and the largest invasion of Common Redpolls in fourteen years. One **Hoary Redpoll** was documented at Chicago. Numbers of American Goldfinches were down overall, although a tally at Rockford was the highest for winter in over a decade.

House Sparrow populations appear to be declining throughout Illinois, while Eurasian Tree Sparrows showed measurable increases in northwestern Illinois.

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MC = maximum counts from various sections of the state
* = documented observation
m.ob. = many observers
< = reported as fall departure
> = reported as spring arrival
ad. = adult
et al. = and others
imm. = immature
no. = northern
unk. = unknown age/sex
$1^{st}/2^{nd}/3^{rd}$ yr = first-/second-/third-year plumage
ph = photo
pr = pair
CA = Conservation Area
Co(s) = County (Counties)
CP = County Park
FP = Forest Preserve
IOS = Illinois Ornithological Society fieldtrip
L = Lake
L&D = Lock and Dam
NWR = National Wildlife Refuge
Pk = Park
R = River
SF = State Forest
SNA = State Natural Area
SP = State Park
SF&WA = State Fish & Wildlife Area
Twp = Township
WA = Wildlife Area

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Ark. = Arklands Reclamation Area (Perry Co)
Bald.L = Baldwin Lake (Randolph Co)
Carl.L = Carlylc Lake (Clinton & Fayette Cos)
CBG = Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)
Chi = Chicago and vicinity (Cook Co); see also JP, LCal
Clinton L = Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
East Fork L = East Fork Lake (Richland Co)
HL = Horseshoe Lake (Madison Co)
HLCA = Horseshoe Lake CA (Alexander Co)
IBSP = Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
JP = Jackson Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Kankakee = Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
La Salle L = La Sallc Lake (La Salle Co)
LCal = Lake Calumet and vicinity (southern Cook Co)
Lincoln Pk = Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Chau = Chautauqua NWR (Mason Co)
LShel = Lake Shelbyville (Shelby & Moultrie Cos)
Mermet L = Mermet Lake (Massac Co)
Midewin = Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
Miss. R = Mississippi River (various Cos)
Montrose H = Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
Port Louisa NWR = Port Louisa NWR, Keithsburg Division (Mercer Co)
QC = Quad Cities (Rock Island area) (Rock Island Co)
Rend L = Rend Lake (Franklin & Jefferson Cos)
Rollins Sav = Rollins Savanna FP (Lake Co)
Rockfd = Rockford and vicinity (Winnebago Co)
Spfld = Springfield (Sangamon Co)
UCCA = Union County CA (Union Co)
Urbana = Urbana (Champaign Co)
Wauk = Waukegan and vicinity (Lake Co)
Winthrop H = Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)

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Information on counts greater than one individual, sexes, and/or ages of observed birds is included when available; no number indicates single birds. This information is followed by the location of the observation, date(s) of observation, and the observer(s). Noteworthy dates of occurrence, remarkably high counts, and/or locations for the state as a whole, or for particular regions of the state, are **underlined and boldfaced**. Headings for species of extremely unusual occurrence in Illinois during the winter are **CAPITALIZED**. Headings for species requiring review by the IORC are **CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED**. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets [ ]; see forthcoming IORC reports in this journal for further details. The current IORC review list is available on-line at www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html.

Maximum counts are provided, where available, from each of the three regions of Illinois (north, central, and south) as mapped out in H. David Bohlen's 1978 *Annotated check-list of the birds of Illinois*. Representative high counts from subsections within these regions are included for many species. Additional data reflecting the progress of the season are noted, when available, for species and areas of special interest. The species accounts below follow the taxonomy and nomenclature of the 7th (1998) edition of the American Ornithologists' Union's *Check-list of North American Birds*, through its 48th (2007) Supplement. The 2003 DeLorme *Illinois Atlas & Gazeteer* has been used as a standard for spelling of place names for sites included therein.

Winter 2007-2008 Field Notes

Trumpeter Swans in Edgar County. 23 February 2008. Photo by Eric Walters.

Greater White-fronted Goose

MC: 3555, Chau, 4 Jan (RGB, SNB); 2000, Wayne & Richland Cos, 6 Feb (CLH); 1250, St. Clair Co, 27 Feb> (TJD); 1232, UCCA, 7 Jan (LW); 500, Embarras R (Coles Co), 23 Feb (LBH, RBr, DMt); 177,Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 40, Clinton L, 1 Jan (GSL, BG); 10, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 12 Jan (DTW, LGB); 6, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM). Reduced numbers overall.

Snow Goose

MC: **100,000**, Carl.L, 21 & 26 Jan, 2 Feb (KAM, MS, DMK, m.ob.); **65,000**, Ark., 27 Dec (JDC, JAS); **65,000**, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); **21,160**, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); **15,000**, Bald.L, 26 Jan (TJD); **13,830**, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); **10,000**, Meredosia NWR (Morgan Co), 9 Feb> (EWW). **Others** (central & north): 5544, Chau, 18 Jan (RGB, SNB); 4000, Sangamon Co, 8 Feb (KAM); 15, Modena (Stark Co), 12 Dec (EWW).

Ross's Goose

MC: 6, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 6, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, MS, CJL); 4, Modena (Stark Co), 12 Dec (EWW); 4, Bald.L, 16 Feb (MST); 2, Edgar Co, 23 Feb> (EWW). **Others**: 3, Carl.L, 18 Feb (DMK); 2, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 2, Amax (Wabash Co), 7 Jan (CLH); Clinton L, 24 Dec (GSL); Homer L (Champaign Co), 18 Jan (EJC); East Fork L, 4 Feb (CLH). Low numbers.

Cackling Goose

MC: 1400, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 13 Dec (MJW); 200, Woodford Co, 10 Dec (MEF); 135, Bald.L, 7 Jan (KAM); 120, Carl.L, 22 Dec (DMK, MS); 120, St. Clair Co, 27 Feb> (TJD); 100, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 50, Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 3 Dec (KAM). **Others**: 85, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 40, Ark., 27 Dec (DMK); 33, Monroe Co, 6 Feb (DJJ); 31, Fulton Co, 15 Dec (LLH); 20, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 17, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 10, Cook Co, 3 Dec (KAM); 8, QC, 16 Dec (*KJM, SBH); 8, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 7, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, DM); 6, Urbana, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL); 5, Clinton L, 1 Jan (GSL, BG); 4, Rock R (Lee Co), 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 4, Coffeen L SP (Montgomery Co), 10 Feb> (EWW); 3, Grayslake (Lake Co), 2 Dec (SDB, SLD).

Canada Goose

MC: 3161, Chau, 4 Jan (RGB, SNB); 2033, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 1736, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 1693, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 1572, JP, 25 Dec (PRC); 1500, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 800, Carl.L, 1 Feb (DMK). **Others**: 1000, Cook Co, 3 Dec (KAM); 900, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 800, Logan Co, 12 Dec (KAM); 800, Monroe Co, 6 Feb (DJJ); 600, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 12 Jan (LLH). Low numbers reported.

Mute Swan

MC: 90, LCal, 3 Feb (WJM); 55, Channahon (Will Co), 6 Jan (UWG); 25, Peoria & Fulton Cos, 9 Jan (LLH); 4, HL, 10 & 18 Feb (FRH, KAM). **Others**: 19, Wauconda (Lake Co), 6 Dec (EWW); 12, JP, 12-13 Dec (PRC, PKD, KMC) & 1 Jan (PRC); 11, Chi (Belmont H), 5 Jan (DA); 9, Danville (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MPW, et al.); 3, L Charleston (Coles Co), 12 Dec (RBr, LBH).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 40, Edgar Co, 23 Feb (EWW); 27, Union Co, 29 Dec (VMK, et al.); 11 (8 ad., 3 imm.), Miss. R (Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 18 Dec (*KJM, LB, *EAA); 9, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 24 Feb (SMF); 6, Trenton (Clinton Co), 5 Jan (KAM); 5 (2 ad., 3 imm.), Randolph Co CA (Randolph Co), 14-20 Jan (*CD, PD, JBd, m.ob.); 5, L Charleston (Coles Co), 15-20 Feb (RBr, LBH, m.ob.). **Others**: Downs (McLean Co), 6 Dec (MEF); imm., Hillery (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE, BLr).

Tundra Swan

MC: 68, Chau, 4 Jan (RGB, SNB); 40, Wabash Co, 9 Feb (RES, CLH); 6, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 8-16 Dec (SMF); 6 (ad.), L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 25 Dec (EWW). **Others**: Edgar Co, 7 Dec (EWW); imm., West Branch FP (Du Page Co), 9 Dec (MAM, UWG); Wauk., 26 Dec (EWW).

Wood Duck

MC: 9, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 4 (3 male, 1 female), New Athens (St. Clair Co), 24 Feb> (TJD); 3, McLean Co, 6 Jan (MJW); 3, Amax (Wabash Co), 19 Feb (CLH). **Others** (north): female, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM); male, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); male, Montrose H, 31 Dec (LM). Ones and twos at a few additional southern sites.

Gadwall

MC: 1580, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 250, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 141, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 130, HL, 18 Feb (KAM); 45, Clinton L, 1 Jan (GSL, BG); 23, Chau, 11 Jan (RGB, SNB); 12, Wauk., 1 Jan (GAW); 6, La Salle L, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM). Less abundant and widespread.

American Wigeon

MC: 268, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 105, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM); 4, Wauk., 1 Jan (GAW). **Others**: 16, Clinton L, 1 Jan (GSL, BG); 12, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 11, Ark., 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 6, Carl.L, 1 Dec (DMK); male, LCal, 24 Dec (WJM); Windfall L (Vermilion Co), 12 Dec (SDB), Chau, 18 Jan (RGB, SNB); HL, 28 Jan (FRH).

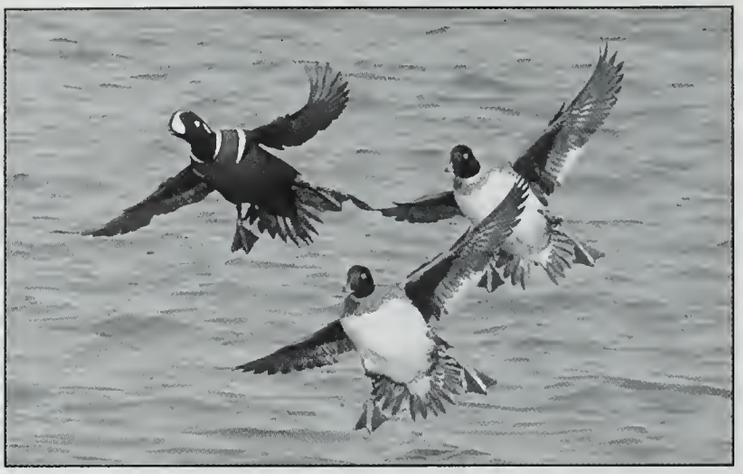
American Black Duck

MC: 147, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 63, La Salle L, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM); 52, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 42, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 19, Chau, 11 Jan (RGB, SNB); 17, LCal, 24 Dec (WJM); 15, Harrison (Winnebago Co), 6 Jan (DTW, BCW).

Mallard

MC: 13,010, Chau, 7 Dec (RGB, SNB); 10,000, Carl.L, 8 Dec (DMK); 5300, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 1600, La Salle Co, 26 Jan (GAW); 740, LCal, 19 Jan (WJM); 528, Port Louisa NWR, 21 Dec (KJM, TM). **Others**: 4405, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 3500, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 13 Dec (TJD); 2000, Wayne & Richland Cos, 6 Feb (CLH); 792, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 678, QC, 16 Dec (TM, BL, m.ob.); 510, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (CK, TG, m.ob.); 400, Montgomery Co, 12 Dec (KAM). Wintering population continues to decline, especially in south. **Hybrid**: Mallard/American Black Duck, Danville (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB).

Harlequin Duck and two Common Goldeneye. North Avenue Beach, Chicago, Cook County. 3 Janaury 2008. Photo by Greg Neise.



Blue-winged Teal

female, Carl.L, 9 Dec (*DMK); female, Winthrop H., 18 Dec (EWW).

Northern Shoveler

MC: 165, HL, 29 Dec (FRH); 120, Carl.L, 18 & 29 Dec, 1 Jan (KAM, DMK, MS); 75, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 11, Port Louisa NWR, 21 Dec (KJM). **Others** (central & north): 8, L. Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE); 2, Chau, 4 Jan (RGB, SNB); male, Evanston (Cook Co), 26 Dec< (EWW). Reduced numbers outside so. IL.

Northern Pintail

MC: 1000, Wayne & Richland Cos, 6 Feb (CLH); 600, Carl.L, 24 Feb (DMK); 400, Monroe Co, 6 Feb (DJJ); 400, Swan L (Calhoun Co), 9 Feb (EWW); 31, Lincoln (Logan Co), 22 Dec (EWW); 20, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 16 Dec (UWG). **Others** (central & north): 12, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MPW, MJE); 7, Chau, 18 Jan (RGB, SNB); 2, La Salle L, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM); Rock R (Lee Co), 26 Dec (KJM, JDS). Rather low numbers, as last winter.

Green-winged Teal

MC: 430, Chau, 13 Dec (RGB, SNB); 352, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, MS, CJL); 69, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 40, Carl.L, 8 Dec (DMK); 5 (3 male, 2 unk.), Winthrop H., 5 Dec (EWW); 3, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 27 Dec (UWG); 2, Windfall L (Vermilion Co), 12 Dec (SDB). Less widespread, but more plentiful in the south.

Canvasback

MC: 900, HL, 18 Feb (KAM); 400, Carl.L, 24 Feb (DMK); 85, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 38, Chau, 8 Feb (RGB, SNB); 34, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 33, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM); 4, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 16 Dec (UWG).

Redhead

MC: 60, HL, 18 Feb (KAM); 50, Winthrop H, 26 Jan (RDH); 25, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, MS, CJL); 25, Chi, 6 Jan (GAW); 11 (10 male, 1 female), JP, 17 Feb (PRC); 8, East Fork L, 22 Feb (CLH). Continued low numbers.

Ring-necked Duck

MC: 3125, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 1800, Ark., 27 Dec (JDC, JAS); 1500, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 200, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 16 Dec (UWG); 68, Mason Co, 8 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others** (central & north): 8, Port Louisa NWR, 21 Dec (KJM); 7, L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (KJM, SBH); 2, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 2, Wauk., 1 Jan (GAW). Less common and widespread statewide.

Greater Scaup

MC: 410, IBSP, 1 Jan (GAW); 300, JP, 13 Jan (KMC); 60, Carl.L, 9 Dec (DMK); 6, Rend L, 30 Dec (DMK); 4, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 12 Jan (DTW, BCW). **Others** (away from L Michigan): 2, East Fork L, 13 Dec (CLH); HL, 15 Dec< (FRH); male, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (*KJM); Jasper Co, 21 Dec (CLH); 4, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); male, Bald.L, 16 Feb (TJD). Far less numerous this winter, especially on L Michigan.

Lesser Scaup

MC: 500, LCal, 19 Feb (WJM); 400, Carl.L, 1 Dec (DMK); 97, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 17, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 14, Chau, 8 Feb (RGB, SNB). **Others**: 45, HL, 18 Feb (KAM); 40, Rend L, 30 Dec (DMK); 10, Winthrop H., 9 Feb (KAM). Wintering population has greatly declined.

HARLEQUIN DUCK

Fem., Chi (Burnham H), 6 Dec (DFS); ad. male, Chi, 8 Dec – 5 Jan (MAM, GAW, m.ob.).

Surf Scoter

L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 2-22 Dec (HDB); 3, L Shel (Moultrie Co), 8 Dec (TAM); 14, Montrose H, 28 Feb (DA).

White-winged Scoter

MC: 18, **East Fork L**, 29 Feb (CLH); 15, Montrose H, 28 Feb (DA); 9, L Charleston (**Coles Co**), 23 Feb (LBH, m.ob.); 3, L Arlington, Arlington Heights (Cook Co), 1-3 Dec (DBJ, KAM, m.ob.); 3, Wilmette (Gillson Pk) (Cook Co), 8 Dec (JRS, et al.); 3, North Point Marina (Lake Co), 23 Feb (DTW, BCW); 2, Highland Park (Lake Co), 10 Dec (DRD); . **Others**: 1st yr, LCal, 17 & 23 Feb (*WJM, RLS, BS, FS); male, **Carl.L**, 22-26 Feb (*DMK); L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 28 Feb (HDB). Larger numbers overall after impressive numbers and distribution earlier in the fall season throughout the state.

Black Scoter

L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 2-9 Dec (HDB); 2 (female), **Carl.L**, 26 Dec (DMK, JDC); **East Fork L**, 15 Dec (CLH).

Long-tailed Duck

MC: 3 (2 male, 1 unk.), IBSP, 31 Dec (EWW); 3, Montrose H, 31 Dec (LM). **Others**: female, Edgar Co, 7 Dec-23 Feb (*EWW); female, West Branch FP (Du Page Co), 9 & 15 Dec (UWG, MAM); female, L & D 14 Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 10 Dec & 10 Feb (SMF); ad. male, Bloomington (McLean Co), 11-19 Dec (MJW); male, Carl.L, 15-31 Dec (KAM, *DMK, MS); female, East Fork L, 6-7 Jan (CLH). Lower numbers this winter, but with wide distribution.

Bufflehead

MC: 72 (33 male, 39 unk.), Winthrop H., 5 Dec (EWW); 60, Carl.L, 1 Dec (DMK); 39, JP, 12 Dec (PRC); 23, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 22, Chau, 7 Dec (RGB, SNB); 14, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM); 5 (1 male, 4 female), Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (KJM, SBH). Up to five birds at scattered sites elsewhere.

Common Goldeneye

MC: 787, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (KJM, SBH); 600, Carl. L, 26 & 29 Dec (DMK, MS); 560, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 500, Rend L, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 194, Chau, 11 Jan (RGB, SNB). **Others**: 106, Rock R (Lee Co), 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 102, Miss. R (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (KJM, LB); 91, LCal, 3 Feb (WJM); 80, HL, 18 Feb (KAM). Low numbers this winter.

Hooded Merganser

MC: 200, Carl.L, 1-2 Dec (DMK); 167, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 152, Chau, 8 Feb (RGB, SNB); 60, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, MS, CJL); 28, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MPW, SDB, SLD); 20, Evanston (Cook Co), 16 Dec (EWW); 20 (7 male, 13 unk.), Winthrop H., 20 Dec (EWW); 6, Seneca (La Salle Co), 3 Feb (CKM, JDM).

Common Merganser

MC: **15,000**, La Salle L, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM); 1400, Carl.L, 27 Jan & 1-2 Feb (DMK, MS, BR); 954, Chau, 22 Feb (RGB, SNB); 750, HL, 25 Feb (FRH); 574, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 155, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (KJM, SBH). More numerous, especially in central and south.

Red-breasted Merganser

MC: 2628, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 300, Carl.L, 2 Dec (DMK). **Others**: 16, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 12, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB, SLD); 7 (male), East Fork L, 18 Feb (CLH); 6, Bald.L, 16 Feb (TJD); 3, La Salle L, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM); 2 (male), Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 19 Feb (CLH); HL, 10 Dec< (FRH); female, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (*KJM, LB); DeWitt Co, 1 Jan (EJC).

Ruddy Duck

MC: 305, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 200, Rend L, 30 Dec (DMK); 150, Carl.L, 18 Feb (DMK); 86, Chau, 7 Dec (RGB, SNB). **Others**: 110, HL, 18 Feb (KAM); 100, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 88, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 81, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE, SDB, SLD); 20, East Fork L, 8 Dec (EWW); 5 (female), L&D #14 (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (KJM, SBH); 2, Chi, 2 & 5 Dec (GAW); 2, West Branch FP (Du Page Co), 15 Dec (UWG); 15 Jan (male), JP (PRC); Winthrop H., 26 Jan-9 Feb (KAM, WJM). More plentiful than in recent winters in central and south.

Gray Partridge

Rock Island Co, 20 Dec (KJM).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 30, Earlville (LaSalle Co), 12 Feb (MAM); 16 (female), Afton FP (DeKalb Co), 3 Feb (EWW); 13, Kankakee (Kankakee Co), 23 Feb (EWW); 7, Green R WA (Lee Co), 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 5, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, MS, CJL). **Others**: 5, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB); 2, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (CM, JM); Carl.L, 18 Dec (DMK); Mercer Co, 21 Dec (WAB); LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

45, Prairie Ridge SNA (Jasper Co), 21 Dec (JWW, et al.).

Wild Turkey

MC: 336, La Salle Co, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM); 106, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (DGW, EAA, RN, m.ob.); 75, Bald.L, 16 Feb (TJD); 71, Edwards Co, 24 Jan (RES); 15, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM). **Others**: 79, Oregon (Ogle Co), 23 Dec (EWW, DTW); 60, Carl.L, 9 & 23 Dec (DMK, MS); 60, Rend L, 30 Dec (DMK); 56, Clinton L, 1 Jan (GSL, BG); 45, Randolph Co, 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 38, Rockfd, 29 Dec (DTW, BCW); 31, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH); 30, Boone Co, 25 Feb (AEB); 27, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); 22, Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MPW); 13, Newton (Jasper Co), 8 Dec (EWW); 5, Jo Daviess Co, 24 Dec (EWW); 4, Batchtown WA (Calhoun Co), 9 Feb (EWW).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 36, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, WAB); 19, Edwards Co, 25 Dec (RES); 14, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (CM, JM, m.ob.); 12, Madison Co, 8 Dec (KAM); 12, Carl.L, 19 Jan (DMK). **Others**: 9, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (JDC); 8, Whiteside Co, 20 Dec (EAA); 6, Peabody WA (St. Clair Co), 10 Feb (EWW); 2, Green R WA (Lee Co), 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.).

Red-throated Loon

3, Carl.L, 1 Dec (*DMK); L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 9-13 Dec (HDB); 3, North Point Marina (Lake Co), 23 Feb> (DTW, BCW).

PACIFIC LOON

HL, 9 Dec< (FRH).

Common Loon

MC: 12, Carl.L, 1-2 Dec (DMK). **Others**: 2, HL, 8 Dec (KAM); Evanston (Cook Co), 11 Dec (MC); L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE); Rend L, 30 Dec (DMK); L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 1 Jan (HDB).

Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 72, East Fork L, 3 Feb (CLH); 39, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 25, Kinkaid L (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, DM); 16, Bald.L, 3 Feb (DMK); 3, LCal, 19 & 23 Feb (WJM); 2, Chau, 4 Jan (RGB, SNB). **Others**: 10, Rend L, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 4, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 3, HL, 8 Dec (KAM); 3, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE, SDB, SLD); 2, Carl.L, 1 Dec (DMK); West Branch FP (Du Page Co), 9 Dec (UWG); Wauk., 1 Jan (GAW); La Salle L, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM).

Horned Grebe

MC: **175**, Bald.L, 27 Jan (KAM); 12, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 9, East Fork L, 27 Dec (CLH); 7 & 6, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 7 & 14 Dec (EWW & MPW, SDB, SLD). **Others** (outside south): Chi, 2 Dec-14 Jan (GAW). Increased numbers in south.

Red-necked Grebe

L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 29 Dec – 2 Jan (HDB); imm., Bald.L, 26-27 Jan & 16 Feb (TJD, KAM, MS, *MST).

Eared Grebe

East Fork L, 26-27 Feb (CLH).

WESTERN GREBE

Chi, 4-7 Dec (SB, GAW, GN ph, et al.).

American White Pelican

MC: 187, Miss. R (Madison Co), 9 Feb (LW); 95, Bald.L, 27 Feb> (TJD); 80, Carl.L, 23 Feb (DMK). **Others** (outside south): Miss. R (Carroll Co), 18 Dec (*EAA); 2, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (*KJM, SBH); Spfld (Sangamon Co), 5-7 Feb (HDB); L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 24 Feb (UWG); Chau, all winter (RGB, SNB). Lower numbers this winter.

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 80, Carl.L, 1 Dec (DMK); 27, La Salle L, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM); 20, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 15, Rend L, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 6, LCal, 1 Jan (WJM); 5, Chau, 7 Dec (RGB, SNB).

Great Blue Heron

MC: 70, Carl.L, 18 Dec (DMK); 52, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 28, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 25, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB, SLD); 24, HL, 1 Jan (FRH); 14, Chau, 7 Dec (RGB, SNB); 9, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); 4, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC). Less numerous and less widespread this season.

Black-crowned Night-Heron

MC: **20**, Granite City (Madison Co), 14-29 Feb (FRH, m.ob.). **Others**: imm., Evanston (Cook Co), 26 Dec (EWW).

Black Vulture

MC: 180, Massac Co, 13 Jan (FKB). **Others**: 4, Rosiclaire (Hardin Co), 9 Dec (EWW); 3, Pulaski Co, 28 Dec (JDC, JAS); 2, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 2, Carbondale (Jackson Co), 14 Jan (LW).

Turkey Vulture

MC: 127, Massac Co, 10 Jan (FKB); 71, Sam Parr SP (Jasper Co), 29 Dec (CLH); 51, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 48, Carl.L, 26 Dec (DMK). **Others** (outside southern Illinois): 25, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, SLD et al); 21, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 12, Effingham Co, all winter (TZ); Barrington & Hoffman Estates (Cook Co), 27 Jan (JB, et al.); Woodford Co, 17 Feb> (MEF).

Bald Eagle

MC: **1032** (518 ad., 442 imm., 72 unk.), Miss. R (Whiteside & Rock Island Cos), 12 & 13 Dec (KJM); **891** (483 ad., 408 imm.), Miss. R

Red-shouldered Hawk at Lock & Dam 13, Whiteside County. 25 December 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

(Whiteside & Carroll Cos), 18 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); **517** (275 ad., 221 imm., 21 unk.), Miss. R (Mercer Co), 14 Jan (KJM); 78, Utica (La Salle Co), 5 Jan (DTW, BCW); 35 (13 ad., 22 imm.), Chau, 7 Dec & 22 Feb (RGB, SNB); 14 (8 ad., 6 imm.), Carl.L, 21 Jan (KAM, DMK); 10 (4 ad., 6 imm.), Ohio R (Massac Co), 31 Dec (KJM). **Others** (away from counties bordering the Miss. R): 6 (2 ad., 4 imm.), Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, MS, CJL); 4 (2 ad., 2 imm.), East Fork L, all winter (CLH); 4 (2 ad., 2 imm.), L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 7 & 14 Dec (EWW & MPW m.ob.); 4 (ad.), Goose L Prairie SNA (Grundy Co), 21 Dec (EWW); 2 (pr), LCal, all winter (WJM); 2 (1 ad., 1 imm.), Amax (Wabash Co), 9 Feb (CLH); 2 (1 ad., 1 imm.), Kishwaukee R (Boone Co), 15 Feb (AEB); ad., McKinley Woods (Will Co), 1 Dec (JAJ); ad., Zion (Lake Co), 9 Feb (WJM, CA, SF, WSS). Good numbers along Miss. R, but fewer reports from central and south.

Northern Harrier

MC: **36**, Prairie Ridge SNA (Jasper Co), 21 Dec (JWW, et al.); **30**, Ark., 27 Dec (JDC, JAS); 8, Carl.L, 1 Dec (DMK); 8, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (KJM, JDC, JAS, m.ob.); 7, McLean & Woodford Cos, 30 Dec (MEF); 5, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 4, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL); 4 (3 ad. male, 1 unk.), Goose L Prairie SNA (Grundy Co), 21 Dec (EWW).

Sharp-shinned Hawk

MC: 2, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB); 2, Carl.L, 18 Dec & 13 Jan (KAM, DMK); 2, Rock Island Co, 20 Dec (KJM); 2, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, DM). Widespread as singles.

Cooper's Hawk

MC: **17**, Rockfd, 15 Dec (DTW, BCW); 5, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 26 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 4, Ark., 27 Dec (DMK); 4, LCal, 29 Dec (WJM, MLB, CDH, WSS); 4, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 4, Clinton L, 1 Jan (GSL, BG); 3, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 3, Bushnell (McDonough Co), all winter (LLH). Some increases; up to 4 birds at other sites in north, ones and twos elsewhere.

Northern Goshawk

Lawrence Co, 4 Dec (RES, CLH); ad., Naperville (DuPage Co), 25 Jan (JAS); imm., Woodford Co, 24 Feb (MEF).

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 22, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 11, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 3, Randolph Co, 27 Dec (KJM, RMR). **Others** (central & north): Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 3 Dec (KAM); Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE); Depue (Bureau Co), 16 Dec (DJS, TW); Whiteside Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB); Urbana, 23 Dec (EJC); Libertyville (Lake Co), 26 Dec (JSS); Green R WA (Lee Co), 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); imm., LCal, 29 Dec (WJM, MLB, CDH, WSS); Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 29 Dec (UWG); Chau, 4 Jan-29 Feb (RGB, SNB); Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co), 3 Feb (DJS).

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: **123**, Ogle & Winnebago Cos, 29 Dec (DTW, BCW); 45, McLean & Woodford Cos, 24 Feb (MEF); 33, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 23, Perry & Randolph Cos, 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 19, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 18, LCal, 29 Dec (WJM, MLB, CDH, WSS); 14, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS). **Others**: "Harlan's Hawk", HL, 5 & 27 Jan (FRH); imm. "Western", La Salle Co, 28 Jan-29 Feb (CKM, JDM). Greater numbers reported in north.

Rough-legged Hawk

MC: 13, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 13, Goose Lake Prairie SP (Grundy Co), 14 Feb (REF); 7 (6 dark morph), Jo Daviess Co, 24 Dec (EWW); 7, McLean & Woodford Cos, 30 Dec (MEF); 6, IBSP, 1 Jan (GAW); 6, South Barrington (Cook Co), 29 Jan (JB, et al.); 4, Rollins Sav, 23 Feb (BSr); 4, Wauk, 1 Jan (RB); 4, McDonough & Hancock Cos, 4 Jan (LLH); 2 (1 light, 1 dark morph), Ferrin (Clinton Co), 18 Dec (DMK). **Others** (south): Crawford Co, 8 Dec (CLH); Equality (Gallatin Co), 9 Dec (EWW); Richland Co, 18 Dec (CLH); Ark., 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); Carl.L, 3 Feb (KAM).

Rough-legged Hawk in Stark County. 21 December 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

Golden Eagle

Imm., Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 13 Dec (SDB); ad., L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (*KJM, LB); ad., Forest Glen Preserve (Vermilion Co), 26 Dec (MFC, MJE, VB); QC, 15 Jan (RWM); ad., Lake Villa (Lake Co), 30 Jan (RB) .

American Kestrel

MC: 15, Monroe Co, 20 Feb (DJJ); 14, McLean & Woodford Cos, 13 Jan (MEF); 13, Carl.L, 4 Feb (KAM); 12, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (CM, JM, m.ob.); 12, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 12, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (CM, JM, m.ob.); 9, LCal, 29 Dec (WJM, MLB, CDH, WSS).

Merlin

MC: 2, Kankakee, 12 Dec-3 Feb & 6-13 Dec resp (JBH, BRf); 2, Rockfd, 29 Dec (DTW, BCW). **Others**: Piatt Co, 3 Dec (KAM); Champaign Co, 16 Dec (EJC); female, IBSP, 18 Dec-18 Feb (*EWW); JP,

Prairie Falcon near the entrance of River Bend Forest Preserve, Champaign County. 30 December 2008. Photos by Greg Lambeth.

25 Dec (imm. male), (*PRC); LCal, 27 Dec (*WJM); Wauk, 29 Dec (RDH); Evergreen L (McLean Co), 30 Dec (MEF); Ondeck's Prairie (McLean Co), 6 Jan (MJW); Chau, 18 Jan (RGB, SNB); Boone Co, 20 Jan & 26 Feb (AEB, m.ob.); L Decatur (Macon Co), 8 Feb (TAM); East Fork L, 25 Feb (CLH). Notably widespread this winter.

GYRFALCON

Gray morph, Sangchris L SP (Sangamon Co), 9 Feb (HDB); gray morph, Carl.L, 3 Feb (*DMK); [imm. gray morph, Madison Co, 12 & 16 Feb].

Peregrine Falcon

MC: 2, LCal, 6 Jan (WJM); 2, Peoria Co, 24 Feb (PF). **Others**: Middlefork SF&WA, 14 Dec (EJC, HP); Chi, 8 Jan (WJM); Urbana, 8 Jan (EJC, m.ob.); HL, 27 Jan (FRH); ad., La Salle Co, 3 Feb (CKM, JDM); QC, 11 Feb (SMF); Normal (McLean Co), 23 Feb (GH).

PRAIRIE FALCON

Riverbend FP (Champaign Co), 30 Dec (GSL, DL); Prairie Ridge SNA (Jasper & Marion Cos), 25 Jan (RES, CLH); ad., Wringe Road (Clinton Co), 30 Jan & 2 Feb (*MS, *DMK, BR).

Virginia Rail

1BSP, **1-5 Jan** (EWW); Winthrop H (Lake Co), **9 Feb** (CAT, TLK).

American Coot

MC: 360, Kinkaid L (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, DM); 300, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 165, HL, 18 Feb (KAM); 46, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 31, LCal, 23 Feb (WJM); 30, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MPW, MJE, et al.); 11, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 9, Chau, 7 Dec (RGB, SNB). **Others** (central & north): 6, Winthrop H., 20 Dec (EWW); 4, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 27 Dec (UWG); 2, Springfield (Sangamon Co), 7 Feb (KAM); Riverbend FP (Champaign Co), 26 Jan (EJC).

Sandhill Crane

MC: 65, Winnebago Co, 14 Dec (DTW, MK); 25, Mattoon (Coles Co), 12 Dec (LBH). **Others**: 6, Edwards Co, 13 Feb (RES); 2, Carl.L, 12 Jan (DMK, TAM, IOS).

Killdeer

MC: **120**, Carl.L, 15 Dec (DMK); 58, Massac Co, 10 Jan (FKB); 31, Newton L (Jasper Co), 8 Dec (EWW); 22, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 5, Coffeen L SP (Montgomery Co), 10 Feb> (EWW); 3, L&D #13 (Whiteside Co), 18 Dec (KJM, LB). **Others** (post-December): 9, Monroe Co., 17 Jan (DJJ); 5, Edwards Co., 22 Jan (BS); Rockfd, 1 Jan (DTW, BCW); Woody (Greene Co), 9 Feb> (EWW). Increased numbers and distribution.

RUDDY TURNSTONE

Wauk., 11-19 Dec< (EWW, DW).

LEAST SANDPIPER

3, Newton L (Jasper Co), 8 Dec< (EWW); Carl.L, 18 Dec (KAM).

Merlin in Zion, Lake County. 5 January 2008. Photo by Eric Walters.

PECTORAL SANDPIPER

Newton L (Jasper Co), 8 Dec< (EWW).

PURPLE SANDPIPER

Wauk., 11-13 Dec< (*EWW, DD, NL ph).

DUNLIN

3, Massac Co, 10 Jan (FKB); Hamilton (Hancock Co), 17 Dec (RC, JC, *SJD).

Wilson's Snipe

MC: 9, Mermet L (Massac Co), 27 Jan (FKB); 6, Gaskin L (Clay Co), 8 Dec (EWW); 3, Carl.L, 15 Dec (DMK); 3, Rockfd, 1 Jan (DTW, BCW). **Others**: Bushnell (McDonough Co), 14 Dec (LLH); Urbana, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL); Edwards Co, 12 Feb (RES).

American Woodcock

2, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 8 Feb (TJD); New Columbia (Massac Co), 8 Feb (FKB).

RED PHALAROPE

Lake Forest (Lake Co), 6 Dec (JR); Carl.L, **25 Dec** (MS).

BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE

ad., **Rockfd**, 29 Dec (DTW, BCW, *JL).

Bonaparte's Gull

MC: **7500**, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 110, HL, 15 Dec (FRH); 95, St. Clair Co, 27 Jan (TJD); 87, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MPW, SDB, SLD); 60, Carl.L, 1 & 9 Dec (DMK); 50, Jasper Co, 29 Dec (CLH); 50, Bald.L, 27 Jan (KAM); 35, Clinton L, 1 Jan (GSL, BG). Virtually confined to the south.

LITTLE GULL

L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 13 Dec-1 Jan (HDB).

MEW GULL

3rd yr, Carl.L, 23-24 Feb (*DMK).

Ring-billed Gull

MC: **30,000**, Rend L, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); **20,000**, Carl.L, 24 Feb (DMK); 4500, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 3602, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 970, Marseilles (La Salle Co), 26 Jan (GAW); 800, Chau, 18 Jan (RGB, SNB); 500, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD). **Others**: 2200, HL, 8 Dec (KAM); 2000, Bald.L, 3 Feb (DMK); 1500, St. Clair Co, 27 Jan (TJD); 987, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (MJE, SDB, SLD); 667, Miss. R (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); 558, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 175, West Salem (Edwards Co), 8 Dec (EWW).

[WESTERN GULL

1st yr, Carl.L, 3-14 Feb.]

Herring Gull

MC: 3050, LCal, 3 Jan (WJM); 2370, La Salle Co, 26 Jan (GAW); 1085, Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); 987, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 400, Carl.L, 20 Jan (DMK); 50, Rend L, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 12, Chau, 22 Feb (RGB, SNB).

Thayer's Gull

MC: 12, Winthrop H., 2 Jan (MR); 7 (4 ad., 2 1st yr, 1 3rd yr), QC, 24 Feb (SMF); 3 (1 ad., 2 1st yr), Carl.L, 20 Jan (DMK). **Others**: 3 (ad.), Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); ad., L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 2 Jan (HDB); 2 (1 1st yr, 1 2nd yr), LCal, 3 Jan (WJM); 1st yr, L&D #16 (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (*KJM, SBH); ad., Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 26 Jan (GAW); 1st yr, L Spfld (Sangamon Co), late Jan-Feb (HDB); 17 Feb>, 1st yr, JP (PRC).

Iceland Gull

MC: 2 (ad. "Kumleins"), Winthrop H., 20 Dec (EWW); 2 (1 ad., 1 1st yr), Carl.L, 23 Dec & 21 Jan (DMK, KAM, MS). **Others**: 2nd yr, Chi, 15 & 25 Dec (EWW, GAW); ad., L Spfld (Sangamon Co), 2 Jan (HDB); ad., L&D #15 (Rock Island Co), 5 Feb (SMF); 2, Starved Rock SP (LaSalle Co), 11 Feb (MAM).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

MC: 5 (1 ad.,, 2 1st yr, 1 2nd yr, 1 3rd yr), Carl.L, 18 & 23 Dec, 20 Jan (DMK, MS); 3 (ad.), Winthrop H., 18 Dec (EWW); 2 (ad.), QC, 8 & 15 Jan (SMF); 2 (3rd yr), Carl.L, 21 Jan (KAM); 2 (1 1st yr, 1 2nd yr), QC, 24 Feb (SMF). **Others** (south & central): ad., Madison Co, 21 Jan & 16 Feb (FRH, MST); ad., LShel, 24 Feb (EWW).

SLATY-BACKED GULL

ad., Carl.L, 16-18 Dec (*DMK, MS, KAM, m.ob.); [2nd yr, Carl.L, 20 Jan].

GLAUCOUS-WINGED GULL

ad., Carl.L, 1 Dec-25 Feb (*DMK, KAM, MS, m.ob.).

Glaucous Gull

MC: 3 (1 ad., 2 1st yr), L&D #15 (Rock Island Co), 27 Dec (SMF). **Others**: 2 (ad.), LCal, 3 Jan (WJM); (1st yr), Spfld (injured wing), 3 Jan (HDB); 2 (1 1st yr, 1 2nd yr), LCal, 5 Jan (WJM); 2 (1 ad., 1 1st yr), Winthrop H., 9 Feb (KAM); 2nd yr, L&D #15 (Rock Island Co), 16 Dec (SMF); HL, 22 Dec (FRH).

Great Black-backed Gull

3 (2 2nd yr, 1 3rd yr), QC, 25 Feb (SMF); 1st yr, Chi, 8 Dec (GAW); ad., Chi, 15 Jan (WJM).

[POMARINE JAEGER

Madison Co, 8-9 & 15 Dec.]

Rock Pigeon

MC: **2000**, Summit (Cook Co), 16 Dec (WJM, WSS, CDH, AA); 738, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 220, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 80, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (CM, JM, m.ob.); 60, Carl.L, 1 Dec (DMK).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC: **84**, Jasper Co, 21 Dec (JWW, et al.);

Purple Sandpiper with mussel at Waukegan Beach, Lake County. 11 December 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

One of five Long-eared Owls in Moultrie County. 27 Janaury 2008. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

Long-eared Owl at South Farms, Urbana, Champaign County. 19 January 2008. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

27, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); **25**, Annawan (Henry Co), 12 Dec (EWW); **22**, Monroe Co, 20 Dec (DJJ); 11, Grand Ridge (La Salle Co), 3 Feb (EWW); 10, Carl.L, 18 Dec (KAM); 10, Ware (Union Co), 29 Dec (KJM); 6, Naples (Scott Co), 9 Feb (EWW). **Others**: 9, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 12 Jan (TJD); 8, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, DM); 7, Percy (Randolph Co), 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 5, LCal, 4 Dec (*WJM); 4, Donnellson (Montgomery Co), 9 Feb (EWW); 3, Argo Fay (Carroll Co), 18 Dec (KJM, LB); 2, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS).

Mourning Dove

MC: **734**, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 15 Dec (LLH); **519**, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 392, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (KJM, JDC, JAS, m.ob.); 318, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (WAB, m.ob.); 210, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co), 2 Dec (KAM); 200, Carl.L, 6 & 2 Jan (DMK, MS, TAM); 190, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 190, Monroe Co, 20 Feb (DJJ); 99, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (GAW). Lower numbers reported outside the northwest quarter of the state.

Monk Parakeet

102, Burnham (Cook Co), 27 Jan (WJM); 24, Hyde Park, Chicago, 11 Feb (PRC); 6, Chi, 6 Jan (GAW).

Barn Owl

2, Carl.L, 18 Dec & 21 Jan (KAM, MS); ad. male, Fayette Co, 12 Jan (TAM, IOS); Ware (Union Co), 29 Dec (DFS).

Eastern Screech Owl

MC: 8, no. Vermilion Co., 14 Dec (SDB); 7, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM, JDC, JAS); 5, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 4, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, LB); 4, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 4, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM); 3, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, WAB). **Others** (central & north): 3, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); gray morph, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 27 Dec (UWG).

Great Horned Owl

MC: 14, no. Vermilion Co., 14 Dec (SDB); 14, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 10, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, WAB); 9, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 7, Carl.L, 18 Dec (DMK); 5, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM).

Snowy Owl in Winnebago County. 23 December 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

Snowy Owl

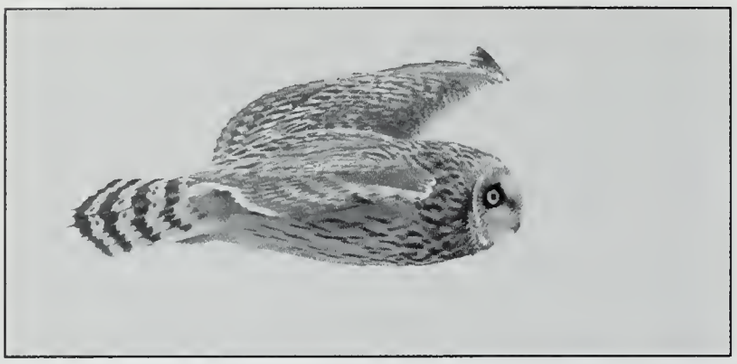
Ganeer Twp (Kankakee Co), 1 Dec (fide JBH); Chi (Lincoln Pk), 7 Dec (CW); Roscoe (Winnebago Co), 8-26 Dec (DTW, DMr); Montrose H, 13-16 Dec (RDH, AA, NL); Genoa (Dekalb Co), 31 Dec (KL); Livingston Co, 19 Jan (EJC).

Barred Owl

MC: 13, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, WAB); 10, no. Vermilion Co., 14 Dec (SDB); 3, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); 3, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (SBH, m.ob.); 3, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 3, Carl.L, 11 Jan (DMK, TAM). **Others** (central & north): 2, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 2 Feb (MAM); Fulton Co, 2 Jan (LLH); LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); Patterson (Greene Co), 9 Feb (*EWW); Goodenow Grove FP (Will Co), 16 Feb (WJM).

Long-eared Owl

MC: 2-8, Chi, 26 Dec-7 Feb (GAW, m.ob. ph); 2-7, Kankakee, 18 Dec-28 Jan (JBH, et al.); 7, Du Page R parkway (Will Co), 7 Feb (MAM); 6, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 15-29 Feb (EWW); 5, Chauncey (Lawrence Co), 5 & 29 Jan (*RES, CLH); 5, Moultrie Co, 27 Jan (TAMph); 4, Carl.L, 13 Jan (DMK, MS). **Others**: 5, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 2 Feb (UWG); 4, Goose L Prairie SNA (Grundy Co), 30 Jan-29 Feb (EWW); 3, Pleasant Valley CA (McHenry Co), 3 Dec-19 Jan (EWW); 3, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); 2, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM); 3, Bartel Grasslands (Cook Co), 30 Dec (AA); 2, Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co), 3 Feb (JAS, et al.); 2, Whiteside Co, 22 Feb (DH ph); 2, Woodford Co, 24 Feb (MEF); Grant Woods FP (Lake Co),



3 Dec (SDB); Urbana, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL); Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB); Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM); Ark., 27 Dec (DMK); Evanston (Cook Co), 17 Jan-4 Feb & 2, 22 Feb (MC, et al.); Clinton L (DeWitt Co), 15 Feb (MEF).

Short-eared Owl

MC: **26**, Ark., 27 Dec (JDC, JAS); 7, Prairie Ridge SNA (Jasper & Marion Cos), 15 Feb (CLH); 4, Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co), 27 Jan (JS); 4, Peabody SF&WA (St. Clair Co), 30 Jan (TUM); 2-3, Rollins Sav, 2 Dec-26 Jan (BSr & JSg); 3, Edgar Co, 7 Dec (*EWW); 3, Clinton Co, 12 Jan (TAM, DMK, TAM, `IOS); 3, Springbrook Prairie FP (Du Page Co), 3 Feb (UWG); 2, Winnebago Co, 13-15 Dec (DTW, BCW); 2, Goose L Prairie SNA (Grundy Co), 21 Dec (EWW). Up to 4 birds reported from other southern sites, and scattered singles elsewhere.

Northern Saw-whet Owl

MC: 3, Cook Co, 13 Jan (GN ph, et al.); 2, Chauncey (Lawrence Co), 28 Feb (*RES, CLH). **Others**: Grant Woods FP (Lake Co), 3 Dec (SDB); Urbana, 6 Dec (GSL); Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 12-14 Dec (SDB, MPW ph); Urbana, 15 Dec. (SDB, GSL ph); Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co), 16-17 Dec (EWW); Cordova (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM); Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM); Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); Montrose H, 22-26 Dec (DA, GAW, m.ob.); Clinton L, 24 Dec (GSL ph); Green R WA (Lee Co), 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); Northbrook (Cook Co) (calling), 27 Dec (MH); Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM); Carl.L, 7 & 21 Jan (KAM); Kane Co, 25 Feb (MAM). Widespread this winter.

Northern Saw-whet Owl on the Champaign Christmas Bird Count, Champaign County. 15 December 2007. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Northern Saw-whet Owl in Moultrie County. 27 January 2008. Photo by Travis A. Mahan.

Short-eared Owl in Edgar County. 7 December 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

RUFOUS HUMMINGBIRD

Cambria (Williamson Co) (2 females banded at different locations), 16 Dec & 4 Jan (CH).

Belted Kingfisher

MC: 4, QC, 16 Dec (KR, CR, m.ob.); 4, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM); 3, Vermilion Co., 14 Dec (SDB, SLD); 3, Evanston (Cook Co), 26 Dec (EWW); 3, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, DM). Ones and twos at a few additional southern sites; singles elsewhere. Reduced numbers overall.

Red-headed Woodpecker

MC: 41, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 27, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, DM); 13, Woodford Co, 15 Jan (MEF); 12, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (KJM, JDC, JAS, m.ob.); 6, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (KJM); 6, Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 12 Dec (SDB); 5, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.). **Others**: 7, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 4 (imm.), Fulton Co, 26 Dec (LLH); 3, Rend L, 2 Jan (KAM, CJL); 3, McDonough Co, 16 Jan (LLH). Ones and twos at a few additional scattered sites. Wintering population continues to decline.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

MC: 61, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (KJM, JDC, JAS, m.ob.); 46, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 38, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 31, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 24, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 20, Allerton Pk (Piatt Co), 24 Dec (GSL); 16, Merwin Nature Preserve (McLean Co), 15 Dec (MEF); 14, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 12, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (GAW); 12, Lake Co, 1 Jan (GAW).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

MC: 10, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 7, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 4, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, DM); 2, Chi, 15 Dec (EWW); 2, Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co), 17 Dec (EWW); 2, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB); 2, Port Louisa NWR, 21 Dec (KJM, TM).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 71, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 50, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (KJM, JDC, JAS, m.ob.); 41, Union Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 40, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (GAW); 26, Perry & Randolph Cos, 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 22, Merwin Nature Preserve (McLean Co), 15 Dec (MEF).

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 22, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 17, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 12, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 9, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 7, Perry & Randolph Cos, 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 6, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (GAW).

Northern Flicker

MC: 50, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 31, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 23, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 19, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 13, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC, et al.); 12, Carl.L, 9 Dec (DMK); 6, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 27 Dec (UWG); 6, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD).

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: **23**, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 17, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, et al.); 13, Port Louisa NWR, 21 Dec (KJM, TM); 10, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 8, Andalusia Slough (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); **Others**: Champaign Co (3), 15 Dec (EJC).

Eastern Phoebe

MC: 2, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM). **Others**: Jasper Co, 21 Dec (fide JWW); Lyerla L (Union Co), 27 Dec (CKM, JDM); Randolph Co CA (Randolph Co), 19 Jan (TJD); Kankakee, 31 Jan (JBH); Bloomington (McLean Co), 17 Feb> (LA).

Loggerhead Shrike

MC: 7, Prairie Ridge SNA (Jasper Co), 21 Dec (JWW, et al.); 7, Ark., 27 Dec (KJM, RMR, JDC, JAS); 3, Carl.L, 12 Jan (DMK, TAM, MS). **Others**: Wynoose (Wayne Co), 8 Dec (EWW); Coles Co, 15 Dec (DMt); Port Louisa NWR, 21 Dec (*KJM); Franklin Co, 28 Dec (CKM, JDM); Edwards Co, 30 Dec (RES); Clinton Co, 12 Jan (TAM, lOS); Crab Orchard NWR (Williamson Co), 29 Jan (LW); Woody (Greene Co), 9 Feb (EWW); St. Clair Co, 16 Feb (MST). Somewhat more widespread this season.

Northern Shrike

MC: **15**, Fermi-Batavia CBC (Kane/DuPage Co), 15 Dec (JDC et al); 7, Rockfd, 15 Dec (DTW, BCW); 3, LCal, 29 Dec & 5 Jan (WJM, CDH). **Others**: 2, Whiteside Co, 20 Dec (EAA); 2, Grant Woods FP (Lake Co), 3 Dec (SDB); 2 (ad & imm), Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co), 8 Dec (SDB, SLD); 2, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 27 Dec (UWG); 2, La Salle Co, 1 Jan (CKM, JDM); 2, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (*TM, WZ, m.ob.); 2, Lee Co, 5 Jan (DTW, BCW); 2, Ogle Co, 5 Jan (DFS); 2, DeKalb Co, 15 Dec (DBJ); 2, Henry Co, 2 Feb (MB); 2, Wauk., 9 Feb (WJM, CA, SF, WSS); imm., Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co), 5 Dec-2 Jan (EWW); Chauncey (**Lawrence Co**), 6-7 Dec (*RES, CLH); imm., Altona (Knox Co), 12 Dec (EWW); 13 Dec – 2 Mar (ad. male, singing on two dates), JP, (KMC, PRC et al.); Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (JOS); Merwin Nature Preserve (McLean Co), 16 Dec-23 Feb (MJW); Bureau Co, 16 Dec (DJS, TW); Mercer Co, 21 Dec (*KJM, TM); Clinton L (DeWitt Co), 23-24 Dec (EJC, DSL ph); Midewin, 29 Dec (FSt); Banner Marsh (Peoria Co), 9 Jan (LLH); Ball Twp (Sangamon Twp), 12 Jan (HDB); Woodford Co, 23 Jan (MEF); Kane Co, 27 Jan (DTW, BCW); Livingston Co, 7 Feb (LA, DEB); Boone Co, 22-29 Feb (AEB); McDonough Co, 24 Feb (LLH). Major (possibly record) invasion throughout the northern half of Illinois, including central Illinois and a few southern Illinois locations. Many more records for northeastern Illinois.

Blue Jay

MC: 152, Perry & Randolph Cos, 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 145, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 138, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 136, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 15 Dec (LLH); 118, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 54, Carl.L, 18 Dec (KAM); 47, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 21, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (GAW).

American Crow

MC: 76,000, Danville (Vermilion Co), 15 Dec (MJE, VB); 3253, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 875, HL, 18 Feb (KAM); 565, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 248, JP, 16 Jan (PRC); 120, Carl. L, 9 Dec (DMK); 78, Bushnell (McDonough Co), 11 Feb (LLH); 62, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (WAB, m.ob.).

Northern Shrike at Clinton Lake. 24 December 2007. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Horned Lark

MC: **2000**, Carl.L, 1 Feb (DMK); **1058**, McDonough Co, 15 Dec (LLH); 575, Monroe Co, 18 Dec (DJJ); 325, Hinckley (DeKalb Co), 3 Feb (EWW); 288, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 135, Woodyard (Edgar Co), 7 Dec (EWW); 115, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT).

NORTHERN ROUGH-WINGED SWALLOW

East Fork L, **7 Dec**< (CLH), present since 24 Nov. **First winter-season record for Illinois**.

Carolina Chickadee

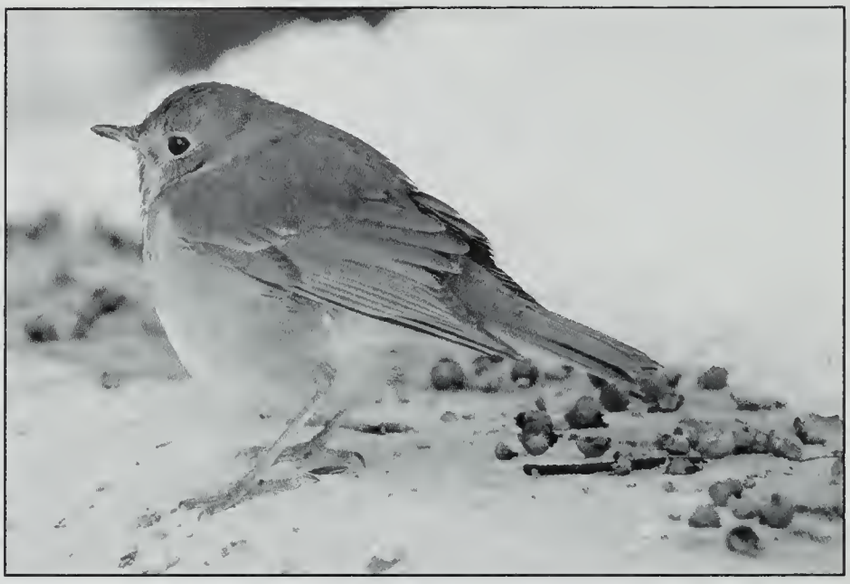
MC: 73, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, et al.); 71, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 68, UCCA, 29 Dec (JDC, JAS); 46, Perry & Randolph Cos, 27 Dec (KJM, RMR). **Others**: 24, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 23, Carl.L, 18 Dec (KAM).

Black-capped Chickadee

MC: 232, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 187, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH, m.ob.); 124, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 74, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (GAW); 46, Lake Co, 1 Jan (GAW); 36, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 30, Merwin Nature Preserve (McLean Co), 17 Dec (MEF).

Tufted Titmouse

MC: 61, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 58, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 53, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, et al.); 44, Perry & Randolph Cos, 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 34, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM); 26, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (KJM, JDC, JAS, m.ob.); 17, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD).



Hermit Thrush at Millennium Park, Chicago, Cook County. 19 December 2007. Photo by Craig Thayer.

Red-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 33, IBSP, 1 Jan (GAW); 17, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC, et al.); 16, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 11, Hamilton, Gallatin, & Hardin Cos, 9 Dec (EWW); 7, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, LB); 6, Mundelein (Lake Co), 1 Dec (SDB); 5, Morton Arboretum, Lisle (Du Page Co), 26 Dec (UWG); 4, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, WAB). **Others** (central & south): 7, no. Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (SDB, et al.); 3, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 3, Carl.L, 31 Dec (DMK); 2, Woodford Co, all winter (MEF); 2, St. Clair Co, 1 Dec (KAM); 2, L Murphysboro SP (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, DM); 2, Galesburg (Knox Co), 2 Jan-22 Feb (PR); Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 27 Dec, 7 & 9 Jan (CLH); Washington Co CA (Washington Co), 21 Jan (DMK, KAM, MS). Widely distributed in good numbers.

White-breasted Nuthatch

MC: 87, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 82, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (TM, WZ, m.ob.); 52, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 36, Union Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 36, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 17, Merwin Nature Preserve (McLean Co), 17 Dec (MEF); 16, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (GAW).

Brown Creeper

MC: 16, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 13, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 11, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (KJM, JDC, JAS, m.ob.); 6, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (SBH, m.ob.); 4, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 3, Port Louisa NWR, 21 Dec (KJM, TM); 2, Downers Grove (Du Page Co), 26 Jan (UWG). Reduced numbers and distribution.

Carolina Wren

MC: 44, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 34, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC, et al.); 28, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 23, Perry & Randolph Cos, 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 14, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 10, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); 7, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 3, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.). **Others** (central & north): 2, Lowden SP (Ogle Co), 23-24 Dec (EWW, AB); 2, Galesburg (Knox Co), 2 Jan-13 Feb (PR); Ottawa (La Salle Co), all winter (CKM, JDM); McKinley Woods (Will Co), 13 Jan (JAJ); Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 2 Feb (MAM). Considerably less abundant and less widely distributed.

House Wren

Carl.L, 8 Dec (*DMK).

Winter Wren

MC: 8, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 7, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 5, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 3, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (MPW); 2, Andalusia Slough (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (KJM, SBH). **Others** (central & north): Mundelein (Lake Co)(singing male), 1 Dec (SDB, SLD); Coles Co, 6 Dec (DMt); Rockfd, 15 Dec (DTW, BCW); Thomson Causeway (Carroll Co), 18 Dec (KJM, LB); Port Louisa NWR, 21 Dec (KJM); White Pines SP (Ogle Co), 25 Dec (EWW); 5 Jan, JP (fide KMC).

Marsh Wren

2, Ark., **27 Dec** (DMK).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

MC: 15, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 15, L Murphysboro SP (Jackson Co), 1 Jan (KJM, DM); 12, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 2, JP, 5 Dec (PJP, KMC); 2, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); 2, Romeoville (Will Co), 6 Jan (UWG). **Others** (central & north): Grundy Co, 2 Dec (JAJ); Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM). Low numbers.

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

MC: 8, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 6, HLCA, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 3, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM). **Others** (central & north): Mercer Co, 21 Dec (*KJM, TM); Clinton L (2), 1 Jan (GSL, BG); Kendall Co, 27 Jan (DFS); Marengo Ridge FP (McHenry Co) (2), 26 Feb (KL); Funk's Grove (McLean Co), 29 Feb> (RM).

Eastern Bluebird

MC: 69, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 64, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB); 63, Perry & Randolph Cos, 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 45, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (KJM, JDC, JAS, m.ob.); 41, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 8, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC, et al.); 7, Green R WA (Lee Co), 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 7, Fulton Co, 16 Jan (LLH);); 6, Zion (Lake Co), 5 Dec (EWW). **Others** (north): 4, Lost Nation (Ogle Co), 23 Dec (EWW); 3, Rockfd, 27 Jan (DTW, BCW); Grundy Co, 1 Dec (JAJ).

(TOWNSEND'S SOLITARE

Warrenville (DuPage Co), 15 Dec)

Hermit Thrush

MC: 8, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM); 6, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 5, Middlefork SF&WA (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB, SLD); 3, Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 3 Dec (SDB); 3, Ark., 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 2, Urbana, 6 Dec (GSL); 2, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB); 2, Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co), 19 Jan (DTW, BCW). **Others** (central & north): Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 3 Dec (KAM); 5 Dec, Hyde Park, Chi (PRC); Urbana, 15 Dec (SDB); Bureau Co, 16 Dec (DJS, TW); Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); White Pines SP (Ogle Co), 25 Dec (EWW); Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 29 Dec (UWG).

American Robin

MC: 205, IBSP, 1 Jan (EWW); 169, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 142, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (WAB, KJM, TM); 100, Volo Bog SNA (Lake Co), 8 Dec (SDB, SLD); 87, Rollins Sav, 6 Jan (JSS); 45, Grant Woods FP (Lake Co), 3 Dec (SDB); 40, Olney (Richland Co), 14 Jan (CLH); 36, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC, et al.); 17, Jackson Co, 1 Jan (KJM, DM). No major concentrations reported; low numbers in south.

VARIED THRUSH

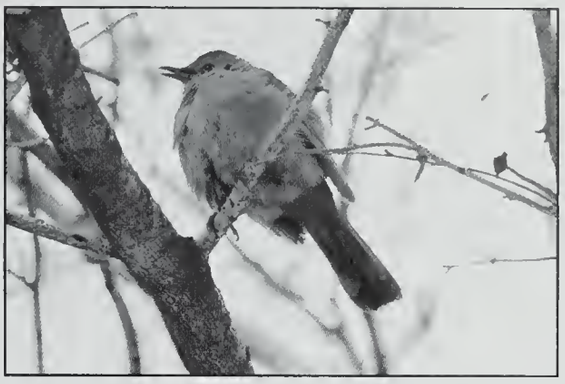
Male, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 28 Feb (fide RB).

GRAY CATBIRD

Lincoln Pk (South Pond), 7 Dec-3 Jan (GN ph); Chi (3), 13-19 Dec (DBJ, DFS, CBT ph); Cordova (Rock Island Co), **20 Dec** (*KJM); UCCA, **29 Dec** (*KJM); Charleston (Coles Co), **21 Jan** (BJ, LBH);

Gray Catbird at Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago, Cook County. 3 January 2008. Photo by Greg Neise.

Gray Catbird at Millennium Park, Chicago, Cook County. 19 December 2007. Photo by Craig Thayer.



Mahomet (Champaign Co), **1 Feb** (RD); Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co), **3 Feb** (*DJS). Unusually large number of records this season.

Northern Mockingbird

MC: 6, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 3, Carl.L, 26 Dec (DMK); 2, St. Clair Co, 23 Dec (KAM); 2, Ark., 27 Dec (DMK); 2, Rock Island Co, 5 & 15 Jan (TM, WZ, SMF, m.ob.); 2, McDonough Co, 12 Jan (LLH). **Others** (central & north): La Salle Co, 1 & 10 Jan (CKM, JDM); Putnam Co, 20 Jan & 18 Feb (DJS); Knox Co, 16 Feb (PR, DJM). Modest numbers.

Brown Thrasher

MC: 7, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 3, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM). **Others**: Grundy Co, 1 Dec (JAJ); Carl.L, 8 & 22 Dec (DMK, EWW); Beall Woods SP (Wabash Co), 22 & 27 Dec (CLH); Olney (Richland Co), 1 & 19 Jan, 3 Feb (CLH); LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); Red Hill SP (Lawrence Co), 5 Jan (CLH); Washington Co CA (Washington Co), 20 Jan (MS); Evergreen L (McLean Co), 2 Feb (MEF); Monroe Co, 24 Feb> (CD, PD).

European Starling

MC: **10,950**, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 8000, Carl.L, 9 & 22 Dec (DMK, MS); 3000, Summit (Cook Co), 16 Dec (WJM, WSS, CDH, AA); 2316, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (AT, ET, m.ob.); 2048, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 691, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (GAW); 575, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 500, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 481, Lake Co, 1 Jan (GAW).

American Pipit

MC: **120**, Union Co, 29 Dec (VMK, et al.); **80**, Carl.L, 15 Dec (DMK); 20, Jasper Co, 5 Dec (CLH). **Others**: 18, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 15 Dec< (TJD); 18, Amax (Wabash Co), 4 Jan (CLH); 14, Urbana, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL); 13, Lawrence Co, 8 Dec (CLH); 11, East Fork L, 15 Dec (CLH); 2, West Salem (Edwards Co), 8 Dec< (EWW); Edgar Co, 7 Dec< (EWW); Chi, 15 Dec< (EWW); Wauk, 22 Dec (AFS, et al.). Largest numbers confined to the south.

Cedar Waxwing

MC: 301, Lake Forest (Lake Co), 14 Jan (JSS); 220, Carl.L, 9 Dec (DMK); 217, Palos (Cook Co), 16 Dec (WJM, WSS, CDH, AA); 185, Clinton L, 1 Jan (GSL, BG); 158, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (UWG); 93, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 25, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM). **Others** (post-December): 14, Olney (Richland Co), 1 Jan (CLH); Oak Brook (DuPage Co), 15 Jan (CS); 12, Bald.L, 3 Feb (DMK); 5, Starved Rock SP (La Salle Co), 16 Feb (CKM, JDM).

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER

Clinton L, 1 Jan (GSL, BG); imm, Spfld, 3-16 Jan (RLJ, HDB ph).

Yellow-rumped Warbler

MC: 12, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB); 12, Carl.L, 18 Dec (DMK); 11, Perry & Randolph Cos, 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 6, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC, SDB, GSL); 6, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM); 4, Mundelein (Lake Co), 1 Dec (SDB, SLD); 4, Waterfall Glen FP (Du Page Co), 29 Dec (UWG); 4, Vermilion Co, 14 Dec (MJE, et al.); 2, Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 3 Dec (SDB); 2, White Pines SP (Ogle Co), 25 Dec (EWW). **Others** (post-December): 3, Richland Co, 12 Jan (CLH); HL, 27 Jan (FRH); St. Clair Co, 31 Jan (KAM); River Forest (Cook Co), 24 Feb> (JSA).

PINE WARBLER

L Murphysboro SP (Jackson Co), **1 Jan** (*KJM, DM).

Northern Waterthrush at Lincoln Park Zoo. 4 December 2007. Photo by Greg Neise.

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH

Lincoln Pk (South Pond), 3-4 Dec (GNph).

SPOTTED TOWHEE

Massac Co, 31 Dec (*KJM).

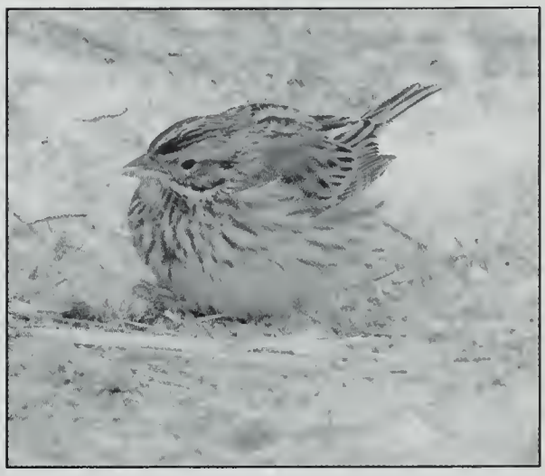
Eastern Towhee

MC: **17**, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 10, Middlefork SF&WA & Kennekuk CP (Vermilion Co), 12 Dec (SDB); 6, Perry & Randolph Cos, 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 6, Pulaski Co, 28 Dec (JDC, JAS); 5, Forest Glen (Vermilion Co), 19 Dec (EJC). **Others** (central & north): Boone Co, 5 Dec (AEB). Up to 4 birds noted at other southern sites.

American Tree Sparrow

MC: **628**, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 15 Dec (LLH); 552, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (GAW); 457, Rock Island Co, 20 Dec (KJM, EAA); 300, Carl.L, 18 Dec (DMK); 260, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 130, Merwin Nature Preserve (McLean Co), 17 Dec (MEF); 125, Ark., 27 Dec (DMK). **Others**: 394, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 379, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 187, LCal, 29 Dec (WJM, MLB, CDH, WSS); 85, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 81, Nachusa Grasslands (Lee Co), 23 Dec (EWW); 67, Monroe Co, 20 Feb (DJJ). Good numbers largely confined to December.

Chipping Sparrow in Urbana, Champaign County. 16 December 2007. Photo by Greg Lambeth.



Savannah Sparrow in Lee County. 24 December 2007. Photo by Eric Walters.

CHIPPING SPARROW

Urbana, 4 Dec (EJC); Urbana, 16 Dec (GSL ph); Carl.L, 8 Dec (*DMK); North Chicago (Lake Co), 1 Jan (RB); Kankakee, 12 Feb (BRf ph).

Field Sparrow

MC: 37, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 25, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 7, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (*CM, JM, *KJM); 6, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC, et al.); 4, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (JM, *CM). One to ten birds at a few additional southern sites.

Vesper Sparrow

Cooper Twp (Sangamon Co), 8 Dec (HDB); Towanda (McLean Co), 15 Dec (MR, et al.).

Savannah Sparrow

MC: **55**, Carl.L, 3 Feb (KAM); 15, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 9 Feb (TJD); 6, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, MS, CJL); 5, Rockfd, 15 Dec (DTW, BCW); 2, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC). **Others** (north & central): Donnellson (Montgomery Co), 21 Dec (EWW); Kingdom (Lee Co), 23 Dec (*EWW); Chi, 25 Dec (GAW); Maywood (Cook Co), 27 Jan (JSA). Widely distributed this winter.

Le Conte's Sparrow

2, Ark., 27 Dec (DMK); Lenzburg (St. Clair Co), 12 Jan (TJD).

Fox Sparrow

MC: 18, Urbana, 15 Dec (EJC, et al.); 15, Mundelein (Lake Co), 1 Dec (SDB, SLD); 8, Jasper Co, 21 Dec (CLH); 8, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 6, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (GAW); 5, Potomac (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB, SLD); 2, Ottawa (La Salle Co), 16 Dec-29 Feb (CKM, JDM); 2, Clays Prairie (Edgar Co), 7 Dec (EWW); 2, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB); 2, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM); 2, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 2, Klehm Arboretum (Winnebago Co), 19 Jan-29 Feb (DTW, BCW). Additional maxima to 6 in the south, plus a few singles in north.

Song Sparrow

MC: **188**, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 97, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC, et al.); 73, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 34, Ark., 27 Dec (DMK); 33, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (TM, WZ, m.ob.); 23, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 6, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (UWG).

Lincoln's Sparrow

Rock Island Co, **20 Dec** (*KJM)--the only report.

Swamp Sparrow

MC: **113**, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 60, Carl.L, 18 Dec (DMK); 32, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 24, Potomac (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB, SLD); 11, Merwin Nature Preserve (McLean Co), 17 Dec (MEF); 8, Port Louisa NWR, 21 Dec (KJM, TM); 5, Rock Island Co, 20 Dec (EAA, KJM); 4, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (GAW); 4, Whalon L FP (Will Co), 27 Dec (UWG). **Others** (central & north): 5, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); Ottawa (La Salle Co), 6 Jan-29 Feb (CKM, JDM).

White-throated Sparrow

MC: **339**, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); **210**, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 194, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 114, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 24, Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), 5 Jan (KJM, JDC, JAS); 22, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (UWG); 22, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 15 Dec (LLH).

Harris's Sparrow

Carl.L, 8-22 Dec (*DMK, KAM, TAM, m.ob.); Henderson Co, 15 Dec (DJM, MJM); imm., La Moille (Bureau Co), 12 Feb (MAM).

White-crowned Sparrow

MC: 78, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL, et al.); 44, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 30, Carl.L, 13 Jan (DMK, MS); 25, Ark., 27 Dec (DMK); 14, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 15 Dec (LLH); 14, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (CM, JM, m.ob.); 11, LCal, 4 Dec (WJM); 9, Grundy Co, 23 Dec (DJS, TW).

Dark-eyed Junco

MC: 586, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 15 Dec (LLH); 533, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC, m.ob.); 501, QC, 16 Dec (KR, CR, m.ob.); 382, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 300, Carl.L, 18 Dec (DMK); 167, Perry & Randolph Cos, 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 130, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 104, Massac Co, 31 Dec (KJM); 95, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (GAW). '**Oregon Junco**': 2, Woodford Co, 1 Jan (*MEF, JMs).

Lapland Longspur

MC: **1500**, Carl.L, 1 Feb (DMK); **707**, Clinton L (DeWitt Co), 1 Jan (EJC); 500, LaSalle Co, 16 Jan (REF, et al.); 183, Pulaski Co, 28 Dec (JDC, JAS); 150, Kane Co, 26 Jan (KAM, MS); 130, McHenry Co, 19 Jan (EWW); 124, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 15 Dec (LLH); 62, Rock Island Co, 22 Dec (KJM, SBH); 58, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 50, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD). Reduced numbers over most of state.

Snow Bunting

MC: **1000**, Ogle & Stephenson Cos, 20 Jan (DTW, BCW); **486**, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 15 Dec (LLH); 321, Putnam Co, 16 Dec (CKM, JDM); 300, Baileyville (Ogle Co), 8 Dec (AS); 300, DeKalb & Kane Cos, 18 Feb (DJS); 235, McHenry Co, 19 Jan (EWW); 166, Whiteside & Carroll Cos, 18 Dec (KJM, LB, m.ob.); 115, Kankakee Co, 9 Feb (BRf); 100, Knox Co, 7 Dec (PR); 100, Lake Co, 29 Dec (RDH); 51, Rock Island Co, 20 Dec (KJM); 50, Winthrop H., 5 Dec (EWW); 35, Dunlap (Peoria Co), 8 Dec (TE); 30, Champaign (Champaign Co), 4 Feb (RD); 26, La Salle Co, 4 Jan (CKM, JDM); 25, Roscoe (Winnebago Co), 1 Jan (DTW, BCW); 18, Greene Valley FP (Du Page Co), 16 Dec (UWG); 17, Carlock (McLean Co), 10 Dec (MEF). **Others**: (south): 2, Wisetown (Bond Co), 18 Dec (PWS, JS); 2, Carl.L, 18 Dec (VL, RMR, TH, JEM); Chauncey (Lawrence Co), 6 Dec (CLH). Largest numbers in over 20 years.

Common Redpoll at Morton Arboretum, DuPage County. Winter season 2007/2008. Photo by Paul Dacko.

Northern Cardinal

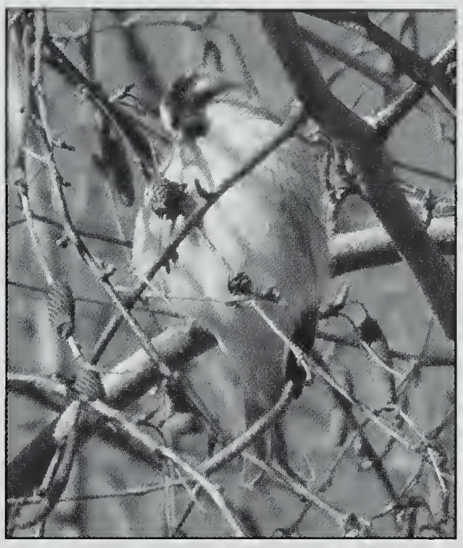
MC: 769, Rockfd, 15 Dec (DTW, BCW); 264, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); 246, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 15 Dec (LLH); 226, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (KJM, JDC, JAS, m.ob.); 120, Alexander Co, 28 Dec (KJM, CAT); 101, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (GAW); 80, Carl.L, 8 & 15 Dec (DMK); 80, Ark., 27 Dec (DMK); 80, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD).

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: 311,500, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL); 22,563, Ark., 27 Dec (KJM, RMR); 16,000, Carl.L, 18 Feb (DMK); 1000, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 793, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH); 95, IBSP, 1 Jan (EWW); 50, Fulton Co, 9 Jan (LLH). **Others** (central & north): 2, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC). Notably few reports outside south.

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 57, Wayne, Clay, & Jasper Cos, 8 Dec (EWW); 44, Pulaski Co, 27 Dec (JDC, JAS); 40, Carl.L, 9 Dec (DMK); 31, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 6, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (*KJM, CM, JM, m.ob.); 6, L Bloomington (McLean Co), 3 Feb (MJW). **Others** (central & north): 4, Whiteside Co, 18 Dec (LB, *KJM); 3, La Salle L, 7 Jan (CKM, JDM); 2, DeKalb Co, 27 Dec (DJS); 2, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); Mercer Co, 21 Dec (TM, *KJM).



Hoary Redpoll at Chicago Botanic Garden, Cook County. 20 January 2008. Photo by Greg Neise.

Western Meadowlark

MC: 20, Carl.L, 24 Feb (DMK)—record high count for so. IL; 10, Santa Fe Bottoms (Clinton Co), 18 Feb (DMK). **Others**: Mermet L, 31 Dec (*KJM).

Rusty Blackbird

MC: 840, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 400, Carl.L, 13 Jan (DMK, MS); 200, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL); 75, Crawford Co, 18 Feb (CLH); 9, Andalusia Slough (Rock Island Co), 22 Dec (KJM, SBH). **Others** (central & north): 2, Port Louisa NWR, 21 Dec (KJM); Ottawa (La Salle Co), 7 & 18 Dec (CKM, JDM); Champaign Co, 15 Dec (SDB, GSL); Jo Daviess Co, 24 Dec (EWW).

Brewer's Blackbird

MC: 300, Carl.L, 1 Dec (DMK). **Others**: 2 (1 ad. male, 1 imm. male), Shirland (Winnebago Co), 14-16 Dec (*DTW, RBt, JBt); 2, Mermet L, 31 Dec (*KJM); male, Hamilton Co, 9 Dec (EWW).

Common Grackle

MC: 407,450, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL); 18,000, Carl.L, 2 Dec (DMK); 15,000, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 19 Jan (TJD); 13,725, Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); 306, QC, 16 Dec (KJM, SBH). **Others** (central & north): 4, Fulton Co, 9 Jan (LLH); 2, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC). Weak numbers outside south.

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 6000, Carl.L, 1 Jan (DMK, MS); 700, Grand Ridge (La Salle Co), 3 Feb (EWW); 520, Rend L, 30 Dec (KAM, CJL, MS); 350, Wauponsee (Grundy Co), 21 Dec (EWW); 350, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 87, LCal, 29 Dec (WJM, MLB, CDH, WSS); 60, Fulton Co, 9 Jan (LLH); 40, Hampton (Rock Island Co), 14 Feb (KJM).

Purple Finch

MC: 145, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM); 34, UCCA, 29 Dec (KJM); 28, Carroll Co, 18 Dec (KJM, LB); 20, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (UWG); 20, White Pines SP (Ogle Co), 24 Dec (EWW); 19, Sand Ridge State Forest (Macon Co), all winter (RGB, SNB); 16, Monroe Co, 2 Jan (CD, PD). **Others**: 19, Green R WA (Lee Co), 26 Dec (KJM, JDS, m.ob.); 10, Potomac (Vermilion Co), 14 Dec (SDB, SLD); 7, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC, et al.); 7 (1 male, 6 female), Table Grove (Fulton Co), 10 Feb (KAM); 5, Richland Co, 19 Jan (CLH); 5 (1 male, 4 female), Boone Co, 20 Jan (AEB). Widespread in good numbers, with 2-4 birds at additional scattered sites.

House Finch

MC: 120, Carl.L, 9 Dec (DMK); 116, Carroll Co, 25 Dec (EWW); 81, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (TM, WZ, m.ob.); 80, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 55, Lost Nation (Ogle Co), 23 Dec (EWW); 45, Rantoul (Champaign Co), 12 Dec (SDB); 40, Union Co, 29 Dec (KJM); 30, Keithsburg (Mercer Co), 21 Dec (KJM, TM); 8, Du Page Co, 15 Dec (UWG). Poorly reported from eastern half of state.

Red Crossbill

MC: 11, Sand Ridge SF (Mason Co), 26 Dec (AF); 7, Boone Co, 4-6 Dec (AEB); 7, IBSP, 21 Jan (EWW); 3, Worden (Madison Co), 25 Jan (JI). **Others**: Mundelein (Lake Co) (female @ feeder), 2 Dec (EL); Washington Co CA (Washington Co), 20-21 Jan (DMK, MS, KAM, m.ob.).

White-winged Crossbill

30, Genoa (DeKalb Co), 7 Dec (KL).

Common Redpoll

MC: 150, Binnie FP (Kane Co), 25 Jan (JD); 100, CBG, 26 Jan & 2 Feb (UWG & SDB, SLD); 25, Chi, 26 Jan (KAM, MS, DBJ, APS); 21, Ottawa (La Salle Co), 4 Jan (CKM, JDM). **Others**: 16, River Forest (Cook Co), 27 Jan (JSA); 12, Grant Woods FP (Lake Co), 3 Dec (SDB); 12, Chi, 26 Jan (MD); 12, Half Day FP (Lake Co), 12 Feb (JB, m.ob.); 9, Naperville Twp (DuPage Co), 25 Jan (JAS); 7, Naperville (Will Co), 9 Dec (JS); 6, Kane Co, 26 Jan (KAM, MS); 3, Forreston (Ogle Co), 9 Dec (AS); 3, JP, 26 Dec (PRC); 2, Knox Co, 30 Dec & 12 Feb (PR, DJM); female, Carl.L, 18 Dec (TH); Mundelein (Lake Co), 5 Feb (SDB); New Athens (St. Clair Co), 27 Feb (TUM). One to several birds at many other additional sites in the northeastern corner of state. Largest numbers since 1993-1994. More photos on page 90.

HOARY REDPOLL

CBG, 19-28 Jan (SG, *DP, GN ph, m.ob. ph)..

Pine Siskin

MC: 125, Mundelein (Lake Co), 1 Dec (SDB, SLD); 89, Ottawa (La Salle Co), 2 Dec (CKM, JDM); 66, Clinton L, 1 Jan (GSL, BG); 28, Monroc Co, 2 Dec (CD, PD); 7, Carl.L, 9 Dec & 29 Feb (MS). **Others**: 61-63, Gurnee (Lake Co), 29 Dec-12 Feb (JSS); 32, Loud Thunder FP (Rock Island Co), 5 Jan (KJM, JDC, JAS); 27, Rockfd, 12 Jan (DTW, LGB); 24, Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 12 Dec (EWW); 20, Naperville (Will Co), 9 Dec (JS); 15, Lakewood FP (Lake Co), 3 Dec (SDB); 15, Palatine (Cook Co), 16 Dec (CF); 12, Evergreen L (McLean Co), 23 Feb (MJW); 8, Zion (Lake Co), 5 Jan (EWW); 6, Champaign Co, 15 Dec (EJC, et al.); Mermet L, 31 Dec (KJM); Galesburg (Knox Co), 2 Jan (PR). Up to 4 birds at other scattered sites in north.

American Goldfinch

MC: **627**, Rockfd, 15 Dec (DTW, BCW); 102, New Athens (St. Clair Co), 16 Feb (TUM); 90, LCal, 29 Dec (WJM, MLB, CDH, WSS); 89, Monroe Co, 13 Jan (CD, PD); 69, QC, 16 Dec (TM, BL, m.ob.); 45, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 43, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (CM, JM, m.ob.).

Evening Grosbeak

4, Binnie FP (Kane Co), 26 Jan (JD).

House Sparrow

MC: 793, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (KJM, JDC, JAS, m.ob.); 451, Whiteside & Lee Cos, 26 Dec (SBH, m.ob.); 400, Carl.L, 13 Jan & 1 Feb (DMK, MS); 334, LCal, 29 Dec (WJM, MLB, CDH, WSS); 309, Chi, 18 Jan (GAW); 200, LShel, 5 Jan (DMK, MFD); 197, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (CM, JM, m.ob.); 160, St. Clair Co, 10 Dec (KAM).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: **300**, Henderson Co, 15 Dec (DJM, MJB); **257**, McDonough & Fulton Cos, 15 Dec (LLH); **239**, Mercer Co, 21 Dec (KJM, TM, m.ob.); **235**, Rock Island Co, 5 Jan (KJM, JDC, JAS, m.ob.). **Others**: 13, Spfld, 3 Jan (HDB, et al.); 12, Cordova (Rock Island Co), 20 Dec (*KJM); 12, Gillespie (Macoupin Co), 10 Feb (EWW); 2, Johnson Sauk Trail SP (Henry Co), 12 Dec (EWW); Ottawa (La Salle Co), all winter (CKM, JDM); Rockfd, 16 Dec-29 Feb (DTW, SO, PO); HL, 6 & 27 Jan, 18 Feb (FRH, KAM); Kenneth Schroeder Wildlife Sanctuary (**McLean Co**), 19 Jan (MJW). Increases in north and central regions.

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Whooping Crane

6 (imm.), Kidd L WA (**Monroe Co**), 7-11 Dec (*CD, PD, m.ob.); 2, Sauer Prairie Kame FP (Kane Co), 1-2 Dec (JD). These are birds from the Wisconsin re-introduction project.

European Goldfinch

Rollins Sav, 13 Jan (MF).

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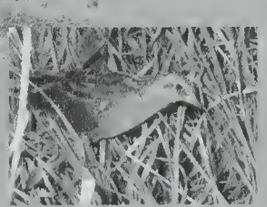

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